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Union Journal Becomes Official CIO Publication

Newspaper Policy Announced, To Feature Local News

With this issue, the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL replaces the Metropolitan Toledo Edition of the CIO News as official publication of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, representing all CIO Unions in the Toledo area.

Decision to suspend publication of the CIO News and naming of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL to succeed it was made at a meeting of the TIUC on November 9. The CIO News had served the CIO Council for the past six years and was published in Washington, D. C. The News suspended publication with its December 25, issue.

In announcing the policy of the new official CIO publication, Richard Gosser, chairman of the TIUC Board of Strategy said, "the policy of the JOURNAL will continue in the future, as it has in the past, in full accord with the policies of CIO. Whatever changes may be necessary will be decided when an enlarged board of trustees are choosen in the future."

Feature Local News

Director Gosser said that the JOURNAL would continue to feature local labor news as well as all other local news in which Toledo CIO unions are interested "We know, from the experience of the past two years, that the workers of Toledo are interested in local labor news. The editorial staff of the Journal will try to increase the scope of this news to include the news items of all local CIO Unions. We believe that Toledo CIO members will find the JOURNAL increasingly interesting and that they will read it for reliable news on labor on the national and statewide scales."

Plans are now being made to enlarge the paper to meet the increased demands for news space occasioned by the larger circulation which is coming to the JOURNAL as a result of its wider reader appeal. Director Gosser indicated that features will be added to the paper from time to time as conditions warrant the additions. "We have already greatly increased the scope of our news and feature service including a greatly improved sport page. We believe that our people are interested in sports, their own bowling leagues, basketball and baseball teams and other sports in which

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FEPC Bill Gains Much Support

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA) — The Permanent FEPC Bill which was reported favorably by both the House and Senate Labor Committes in 1944, is to be reintroduced at the opening of the new Congress, the Washington office of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC announced last week. The bill will be introduced the Council added, by a group of Republicans and Democrats, as was the previous bill in the last session, and the bill will be identical except for a few minor amendments suggested by legal experts and cooperating organizations.

A compilation of campaign commitments released by the Council revealed that 81 out of 435 Representatives and 40 out of 96 Senators have already pledged themselves to the principles of the bill.

Prospects for enactment of some sort of permanent FEPC legislation are good, in the opinion of most political observers, providing action is not delayed beyond May when the present FEPC must come before Congress for a renewal of its appropriation. The Administration faced by the inevitable filibuster threat, it is thought, may tend to procrastinate about allowing the bills to reach both the House and Senate floors early in the session. But since it faces a filibuster in May on continuing the present Committee which lacks the support of many Republicans because it is an executive agency, it has little choice in the matter.

Whether the filibuster can be broken, most observers feel, will depend on how important the bill's passage, without any compromise which would weaken it, is to the voters back home, in the estimation of Party leaders.

Ballard Given Special Work

Charles Ballard, former chairman of the Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12 and now a member of the staff of Regional Director Richard Gosser is assigned to special work connected with Toledo Locals and Units. Willys-Overland Unit is one of Mr. Ballard's chief assignments.

Prior to his induction into the Army, Mr. Ballard served as a member of the Willys-Overland executive shop committee and succeeded Richard Gosser as chairman following Gosser's election as regional director.

Mr. Ballard's principal interest is in the skilled trades which is under his direction. He is particularly interested in the Greater Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council. He has assisted with organizational drives in various parts of the region and was active in the recent Bunting Brass campaign.

Pessimists About Postwar Prospects

PRINCETON, N. J. (LPA)—More than two-thirds of the people, according to a Gallup poll sampling, are pessimistic about the prospects of "jobs for all" after the war.

Typical Americans were asked by the Gallup interviewers: "After the war, do you think that everyone who wants a job will be able to get one?" Most optimistic were industrial workers, least hopeful were young people aged 21 to 29.

Canned The Union Way

WASHINGTON (LPA)—When the fruit and vegetable canning season is at its peak, about 40% of the more than 200,000 workers employed are working under union agreements, a government survey shows.

Labor Draft Threat Again Facing Unions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA)—The threat of national service legislation and labor conscription—thwarted in Congress at least four times since 1939—is rearing its head again.

The current German military offensive in Europe together with unfounded charges that multitudes of war workers are leaving their employment for peace jobs furnish the basis for a new anti-labor drive aimed eventually at a labor draft.

Two of the most influential big business organs see national service legislation in prospect for the near future. "Business Week" magazine (Dec. 23) declares flatly that "National service and forced savings seem much nearer than they did a week ago."

Ominous Warning

A much more ominous warning was carried by the N. Y. "Journal of Commerce" (Dec. 2[illegible]) which stated:

"It is believed likely that military leaders will urge Congress to enact labor draft legislation. Even before the German breakthrough top military leaders had indicated a preference for a labor draft to priority referrals and other indirect methods of channeling workers into war jobs which have been employed recently by the War Manpower Commission.

"Manpower is the bottleneck in most phases of war production, it is generally agreed," the "Journal of Commerce" continued. "The stepped up rate of military production will make new labor controls more neces-

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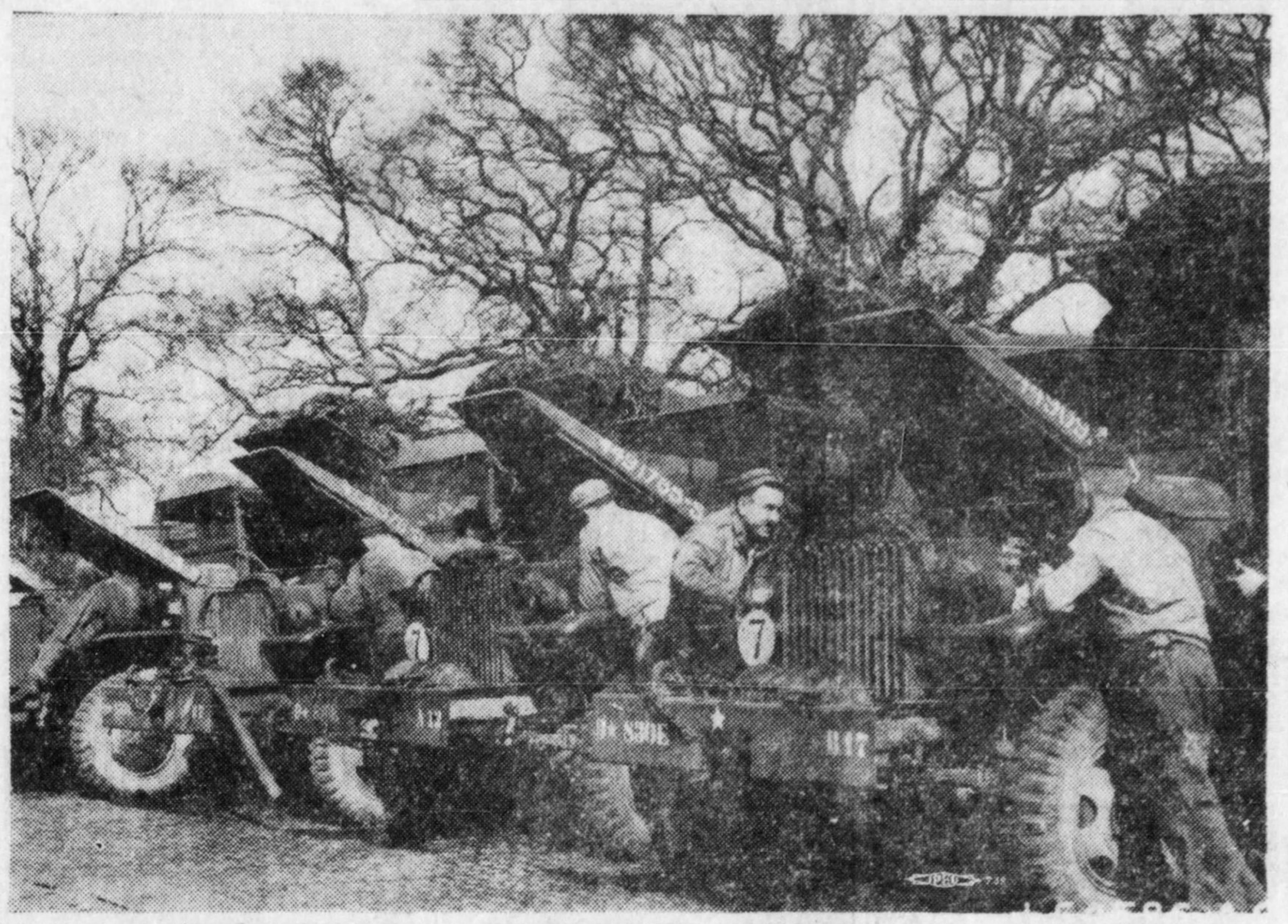
Teaching Army Trucks To Wade



Somewhere in England, the U. S. Army 9th Air Force maintains a waterproofing school where soldier mechanics are taught to treat vehicles in order that they may travel through fairly deep water without stalling. Asbestos compound is applied to the motor and other vital parts which might be damaged by immersion in fresh or sea water.

U. S. Army Photo

UAW Recruits War Plant Workers

Seek Employes Not Engaged In War Production

Members of the UAW-CIO have been asked by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, to cooperate with the WPB and WMC in recruiting workers not now engaged in war work for critical war industries in which a manpower shortage exists.

Director Gosser's request to members of the UAW-CIO grew out of a conversation with Captain Irving Segal and Captain H. O. Judd, representing General Breton Somervell of the Army ordinance department.

In Toledo, Local 12, UAW-CIO which maintains its own employment office, will assist in the drive to secure additional manpower for Toledo plants in which the Local has hiring rights. Special referral blanks are being printed which will be distributed throughout the 68 shops under contract with Local 12. The blanks will be placed in the hands of all Local 12 workers who will be asked to refer their friends or acquaintances who are not now engaged in essential war work to the Local for placement in critical war industries.

Introduces Worker

The cards which are being printed are addressed to Local 12's employment office and contain an introduction of the worker as outlined in the plan worked out by the union and representatives of General Somerville and the War Manpower Commission. The card states that the worker who is being introduced is not engaged in war work and is not leaving an essential war job to accept the referral. Space is provided to indicate in what line of work the candidate for a war job is presently engaged.

"We are very glad to cooperate with the government in this project" said Director Gosser. "We recognize the fact that an error was made in easing up on war production before victory was definitely assured and we are more than willing to do our part to aid in minimizing the seriousness of a lack of good planning."

"If you have a friend or neighbor who is not engaged in essential war work, we would like to have you fill out one of the cards which will be supplied you and send him into the Local 12 employment office. We believe that we can supply the needs of the war plants of Toledo and will do our best to assist the Army and War Manpower Commission."

Male Workers Needed

In the Toledo area male war workers are needed. With a speeding up of production and many additional war contracts being given to local war industries due to the reverses suffered in Europe because of the German winter offensive, a large number of male workers are necessary at this time,

Government officials state that citations will be given to

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Wage Cuts Threaten Lowest Paid Workers

NEW YORK (LPA)—Wage cuts after the war for the nation's lowest paid workers are being sought by sections of the packing and canning industry, the AFL told a hearing of the Wage-Hour Division of the Labor Department here last week. Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, assailed exemptions from Wage-Hour Law provisions that would give packers and canners a "green light" to pay sub-standard wages to 1,250,000 workers and lead the way to wage cuts in other industries as well.

SKILLED WORKERS

There will be a regular meeting of the Tool, Die and Maintenance Workers at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Minthrop St. Parlor "I" at 8:30 p. m. January 8 for First and Third Tricks.

Start the New Year off right by attending this important meeting and making it a big one. BRING YOUR FELLOW WORKERS with you.

Strike Days Lost Show Large Drop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA Special)—Organized labor's close adherence to its voluntary no-strike pledge during the past year in the face of innumerable employer provocations, was made emphatically clear this week by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Man days idle through strikes dropped steeply during the past 12 months but the fact was not mentioned in the daily press which has magnified almost every strike to the proportions of sabotage of the war effort.

Official government figures show that the number of man days idle for the 12 months ending Nov. 30 1944, showed a decrease of more than 4,000,000 as compared with the same 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1943. (December figures for 1944 will not be available until late January.) The facts: year ending Nov. 30, 1943: number of strikes: 3544; workers involved: 1,779,774; man days idle: 12,905,951. Year ending Nov. 30, 1944: number of strikes: 5080; workers involved: 2,154,532; man days idle: 8,632,080.

Minnesota Postwar Plans

ST. PAUL, Minn. (LPA)—Farm, co-operative and community groups will meet in January to discuss postwar projects at the invitation of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, which recently adopted a program for the development of Minnesota and to provide peak employment. The proposals include expansion of social security laws and a 40-billion-dollar public work program of slum clearance, reforestation, etc., to be submitted to local, state and national governments, based on the goal of full employment after the war.

Gas Shortage Curtails War Production

Dozens of important Toledo war industries have been seriously handicapped during the current cold spell by a gas shortage which in many instances has closed down entire departments and caused the layoff of several thousand war workers.

Most seriously effected are the Willys-Overland Corp. and the Spicer Mfg. Co. Departments closed down at Willys include the important aluminum forge division and the shell division. The latter department is extremely important to the war effort since it manufacturers the artillery shells so sorely needed by the American forces in the European theatre of war.

The new building at the Spicer Mfg. Co. which houses several important departments engaged in essential and highly important war production has been nearly completely shut down due to the gas situation.

Officials of the Ohio Fuel Gas Co., which supplies fuel gas to all the large war industries indicated that they could see no immediate relief in sight while the current cold snap hangs on and stated that they might be able to supply sufficient gas for the critical war industries to resume operation by the end of the week.

The current gas shortage is said to be due to insufficient gas to meet the demand caused by extreme cold weather, unusual industrial use and a diminishing supply of the fuel. Toledo's largest supply of natural gas comes from sections of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. A line from the Texas Panhandle also runs through Toledo and some gas is obtained from this source.

Gas Company officials stated that in order to avoid a critical gas shortage in cold weather that additional sources of supply must be found, but said that these sources were unavailable due to a curtailment of steel which preventing running pipe

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Roosevelt Ends Montgomery Ward Civil War on Home Front

Rationing Kicks Are Debunked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA)—Kicks by such anti-labor propagandists as Radio Commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. and the Hearst press, and about the "injustice" of the new rationing regulations do not represent the views of the housewives of the country, say representatives of women's labor and consumers' groups.

Dr. Caroline F. Ware, of the American Ass'n of University Women pointed out this week that "consumer organizations have been asking for this action since these products were made point free."

The new OPA rules put back on rationing all canned foods and 85% of meat. It cancelled outstanding canning sugar and blue and red coupons except those valid in December.

"Any annoyance that our housewives may have shown," said Mrs. Gerson B. Levi of the National Council of Jewish Women, 'is temporary and has arisen because women who have been anxious to have rationing restored to canned goods and meats didn't at first fully understand why it was necessary to invalidate old coupons."

'City housewives who belong to the mothers' clubs at our settlements," observed Margaret Gross of the consumer interest committee of the National Federation of Settlements, "aren't worried about old coupons. They only have the money and storage space to buy for their weekly needs they are absolutely dependent on what they find in the stores, and they know that rationing is their only protection."

"That goes for war workers who have to shop on the way home from work," added Donald Montgomery of the CIO Cost of Living Committee. "That is why the women war workers in the automobile and aircraft industries at their recent conference Dec. 8th resolved that 'all scarce goods, without exception, must be rationed and kept under rationing so that we can obtain our just share and meet our needs without hoarding and without being forced to patronize black markets.'"

UAW Speeds WLB Cases

Ralph Brown, International Union representative attached to the UAW-CIO regional office under Richard Gosser, director, has been assigned for the past six months to expediting WLB cases of Local unions in Region 2-B before the regional War Labor Board.

Results obtained since assigning Mr. Brown to WLB cases have proven highly satisfactory. Cases which formerly dragged for many months have been materially shortened and action speeded up to move them through their routine course before the Board.

In addition to his work with the WLB, Mr. Brown is assistant director of the Auto-Lite Council which is aiming at an industry-wide contract. He is presently engaged in contract negotiations with the Toledo Auto-Lite plant. Fostoria Spark Plug Co. a subsidiary of the Auto-Lite was organized by Mr. Brown in the spring of 1943.

A compilation of wage listings is being undertaken by Mr. Brown for use in Auto-Lite negotiations. He is a member of Local 12, UAW-CIO, and a former Chairman of the Auto-Lite Unit and a former Board member of Local 12.

IMPORTANT!

You are urged to secure your new 1945 attendance card at the Local 12 dues office at your earliest possible convenience. It is necessary that you appear in person. No membership cards will be issued to any other person except the member who claims the card No person can secure the card of another. PLEASE OBSERVE THIS RULING.

FDR Condemns Avery In Blistering Statement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (LPA)—The nation's Number One wartime strikebreaker, Sewell Avery, got exactly what he asked for last week.

Federal seizure of Montgomery Ward properties in seven cities followed within a few hours after President Roosevelt denounced Montgomery Ward and Avery, its chairman, for "consistent and wilful defiance" of the United States government.

In a blistering statement condemning Avery and Ward, President Roosevelt pointed out that this was the third time that the company's defiance of the government had resulted in property seizure.

For more than a year Avery has been deliberately inviting government seizure by flatly refusing to obey War Labor Board directives ordering improved wage scales and maintenance of union membership, dues checoff, seniority and back wages.

The President's executive order, which brought occupation of the seven War properties by the Army, declared that the WLB report to him said that more than 12,000 workers are involved in the present dispute and that the company employs about 70,000 workers serving about 30,000,000 customers. "An interruption of the company's activities" continued the President, "would unduly delay and impede the war effort."

Return To Jobs

As the Army took over, striking workers — members of the CIO's United Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Employes — streamed back to their jobs. Under the seizure order the company's workers will immediately receive the pay raises directed by the WLB.

President Roosevelt's own statement summed up the entire issue between Avery, who forced his workers out on strike, and the U. S. Government.

"This company," said President Roosevelt, "under Mr. Avery's leadership, has waged a bitter fight against the bona fide unions of its employees throughout the war, in reckless disregard of the government's efforts to maintain harmony between management and labor. Its record of labor relations has been a record of continuous trouble.

"Twice the government has had to seize the properties of Montgomery Ward as a result of Mr. Avery's defiant attitude, once in Chicago and once in

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Heads Drive

Richard L. Kroesen of Cleveland will direct the Ohio campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for the second consecutive year.

Reappointed state chairman of the March of Dimes Appeal by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, Kroesen will be in full charge of all fund-raising efforts in the state. Dates of the campaign are January 14th to 31st, inclusive. Fifty percent of all funds raised here remain in this county for local needs.

CIO Starts New Broadcast Series

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA) —The most extensive radio undertaking by organized labor in American history will be initiated Jan. 6 when the CIO takes to the airwaves in a series of nationwide programs.

The CIO's first series of programs will be broadcast over the Blue Network at 6:45 EWT Saturday for 26 weeks. Also beginning on Jan. 6 and scheduled for 13 weeks, is a CIO program titled "Job For Tomorrow" to be carried by the Columbia Broadcasting System. This program wil be heard each Saturday at 3:45 p. m. EWT.

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WTOL To Broadcast CIO Program

Radio station WTOL will broadcast the CIO program each Sunday from 5:45 to 6:00 p. m. according to station officials. Requested by local CIO members to carry the program, WTOL stated it was "pleased to be able to broadcast the series for Toledo CIO members."

Philip Murray, CIO president will make the inaugural talk on the new program.

Housing Agency Forms Co-Op

CHICAGO, Ill.—The rapidly growing interest by the public in consumer cooperative techniques to help in the acquirement of homes has resulted in the formation of the Chicago Council for Cooperative Housing, a service agency to assist in the creation of cooperative housing developments.

The Council has been formed by representatives of several study groups in the Chicago area which are considering the co-op method of home building and apartment house ownership and operation. Secretary-treasurer is Tamara Danish, 222 West Monroe Street, Chicago. Miss Danish is in the educational department, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, A. F. L.

Lawmakers Will Debate Streamlined Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA)—If a few ardent supporters of streamlining Congress had their way, the people of the nation might know a lot more about what is going on in the two wings of the Capitol Building here.

Foremost in popularity with most people is the proposal that sessions of the House and Senate be broadcast by whatever radio stations might want to impose those inspiring sessions on an unsuspecting public. 'Reading the Congressional Record is rugged going," said one veteran reporter here, "but to have it put to music is going to be tough on the radio owners of the nation. Can you imagine what's going to happen when John Rankin reads that ode to the mockingbird, and housewives out in Seattle and Portland hear it?"

Sen. Pepper is sponsoring this bill, which would let radio station broadcast sessions of Congress, but so far it has received little support from other Senatos and Congressmen.

A twelve-man committee made up of six men from each house is slated to open hearings early in January on a whole series of plans to refurnish the procedures of the Congress, to prevent the spectacle of two or even three inquiries of the same subject taking place simultaneously, and to try to smooth procedures so that Congress can deal adequately with the burdens the war has placed upon it. Sen. Francis D. Maloney (D, Conn.) chairs the group, and

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Congress

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Rep. Mike Monroney (D, Okla.) is vice chairman.

There are now 33 investigating committees in existence, including such important ones as the Senate Committee Investigating the National Defense Program (first chaired by Truman and now by Mead) and such notorious partisan political weapons as the Dies Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities. Many members of Congress want to cut down on these committees, but it is doubtful whether any agreement can be reached on which ones should be killed, since most represent the special interests of some section of House or Senate.

Resolutions to take the treaty-making power out of the hands of the "minority of one-third plus one" of the Senate have had strong support, but are not likely to succeed, most Capitol Hill reporters agree. The Senate, by a two-thirds vote, has to approve all treaties entered into by the U. S., and the House has no voice in such matters, as things stand now.

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WLB Policy Change Due On Foundries

WASHINGTON — (LPA Exclusive) — A revamping of the policy of the War Labor Board which has kept the forging and foundry industry one of the worst bottlenecks in the whole war production picture, is soon to be announced, according to government officials.

In cases involving wage raises in foundries where low wages are responsible for a production lag, WLB will now consider groups of foundries. Previously, it has acted case by case, and permitted wage raises only in "rare and unusual" cases to the middle of the bracket.

It is understood that several agencies, including WPB and WMC, have been asked by WLB to submit lists of foundries where such wage raises could be considered.

Foundry cases constitute a heavy proportion of the cases coming before the WLB. In few cases are these "consent" cases where the employer agrees with the union that a wage raise is desirable. While foundries represent only about 1% of critical war production, their lag is now holding up completion of enormous orders for trucks and other vital war materials.

Manpower authorities are concerned because of the high turnover of workers in foundries. Employers are making heavy profits and they are content to hire people and, when they leave promptly because of low pay, simply "call on us in WMC for more men and women," one official declared.

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lines from the large gas fields of the Texas Panhandle.

Willys-Overland has 2200 employes laid off in the aluminum and shell divisions. The shell division alone employs 1800 workers. Several hundred workers at Spicer in the heat treat and dependent departments were idle. Auto-Lite, Libby Glass and several other companies which have auxiliary fuels, gas or oil, were not so hard hit.

Southern sections of Ohio were also caught by the sudden gas shortage. Reports from Cincinnati indicate that the industries in that city were down completely.

Gas company officials expect the situation will be relieved as soon as a break in the weather occurs.

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Ward

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Springfield, Illinois, where the Hummer Manufacturing Company, a Montgomery Ward division, has been operated by the War Department since last May.

"For more than a year," the President continued "the company has refused to accept decisions involving workers in 10 of its retail stores. Four of these stores are in the Detroit area the very heart of war production from the viewpoint of urgency. A strike is in progress in these four stores, and stries are threatened in other cities where the company's stores are located. There is a distinct threat that workers in some of our most critical war plants may join the strike in support of the Montgomery Ward employes if the government fails to act. We are not going to let this happen.

"We cannot allow Montgomery Ward and Co." said the President in conclusion "to set aside the wartime policies of the United States Government just because Mr. Sewell Avery does not approve of the government's procedure for handling labor disputes. Montgomery Ward and Co., like every other corporation and every labor union in this country has a responsibility to our fighting men. That responsibility is to see that nothing interferes with the continuity of our war production. It is because Montgomery Ward and Co. has failed to assume this obligation that I have been forced to sign an Executive Order directing the Secretary of War to take over and operate certain properties of Montgomery Ward and Co."

Avery Injects Humor

The one element of humor was ironically injected by Avery, who, eight months ago, was carried out of his office by two soldiers when the government for the first time seized Ward's Chicago offices. Avery declared that "Ward's cannot in good citizenship accept or obey "the government's orders.

Ward's workers won several major points as soon as the Army took over, including maintenance of membership, check-off, seniority and arbitration. In addition, President Samuel Wolchok, of the URWDSEA estimated that more than $1,000,000 is due to Ward workers in back pay under the WLB directive.

Matching the vigor of FDR's statement, WLB Chairman Davis told President Roosevelt that "Montgomery Ward and Co. has so flagrantly, so repeatedly and over so long a period refused to settle its labor disputes in the peaceful manner established in the national no-strike no-lockout agreement that the company stands in the eyes of labor as the symbol of opposition to the fundamental clause of that agreement which provides that all labor disputes in wartime will be decided by the National War Labor Board."

Davis told the President "Already the presidents of more than 200 local unions in Detroit have pledged the full support of their organizations to the strike. This is an ominous sign in a city where workers have been averse to aiding each other's struggles and where a referendum ballot on the continuance of the no-strie pledge is shortly to be conducted among all members of the United Automobile Worers-CIO, who are nearly all engaged in war production."

Labor's enthusiasm for the President's action is tempered only by the fact that the government will not take over Ward's profits during the period of seizure, as recommended by Walter Reuther, UAW-CIO vice-president.

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J. B. S. Hardman Heads New Group

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (LPA) —A pioneering venture, intended to encourage clear and fundamental thinking on the role of labor in America, has been undertaken by one of the nation's veteran labor editors.

J. B. S. Hardman, who retired this month after almost 25 years of continuous service to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO, is serving as chairman of "Inter-Union Institute."

While the Institute's plans are still the subject of discussion by the unionists associated with the new venture, publication of a national labor magazine, "Labor and Nation" is projected for early in 1945. Using the format of "Atlantic Monthly," the magazine is intended to bring to the average union official factual material, discussions of basic economic, political and intellectual matters, and discussions of fundamental labor problems.

Only staff members of AFL, CIO and bona fide indepedent unions are being involved in the project, which is aimed to help them increase their understanding of fundamental labor problems.

Hardman has been a leader in such discussions among union functionaries ever since the publication of "American Labor Dynamics" which he edited in the 1920's. This book is still considered an outstanding work on the functioning of the American labor movement.

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those workers who refer available men for war jobs. The citation will be in the form of a letter of commendation signed by high Army officials commending those who refer a certain number of workers for essential war jobs in "critical" war plants.

Referral cards will be passed out this week or early next week for the use of nearly 35,000 members of Local 12 in referring workers for war production jobs. The Local 12 employment office, located in Room 17, of the Local's headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., is open every day except Saturday from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Harold Dean is employment manager.

Captain H. O. Judd, USA. ordinance department, is the Army officer in charge of the Toledo area manpower drive with offices in the Gardner Bldg.

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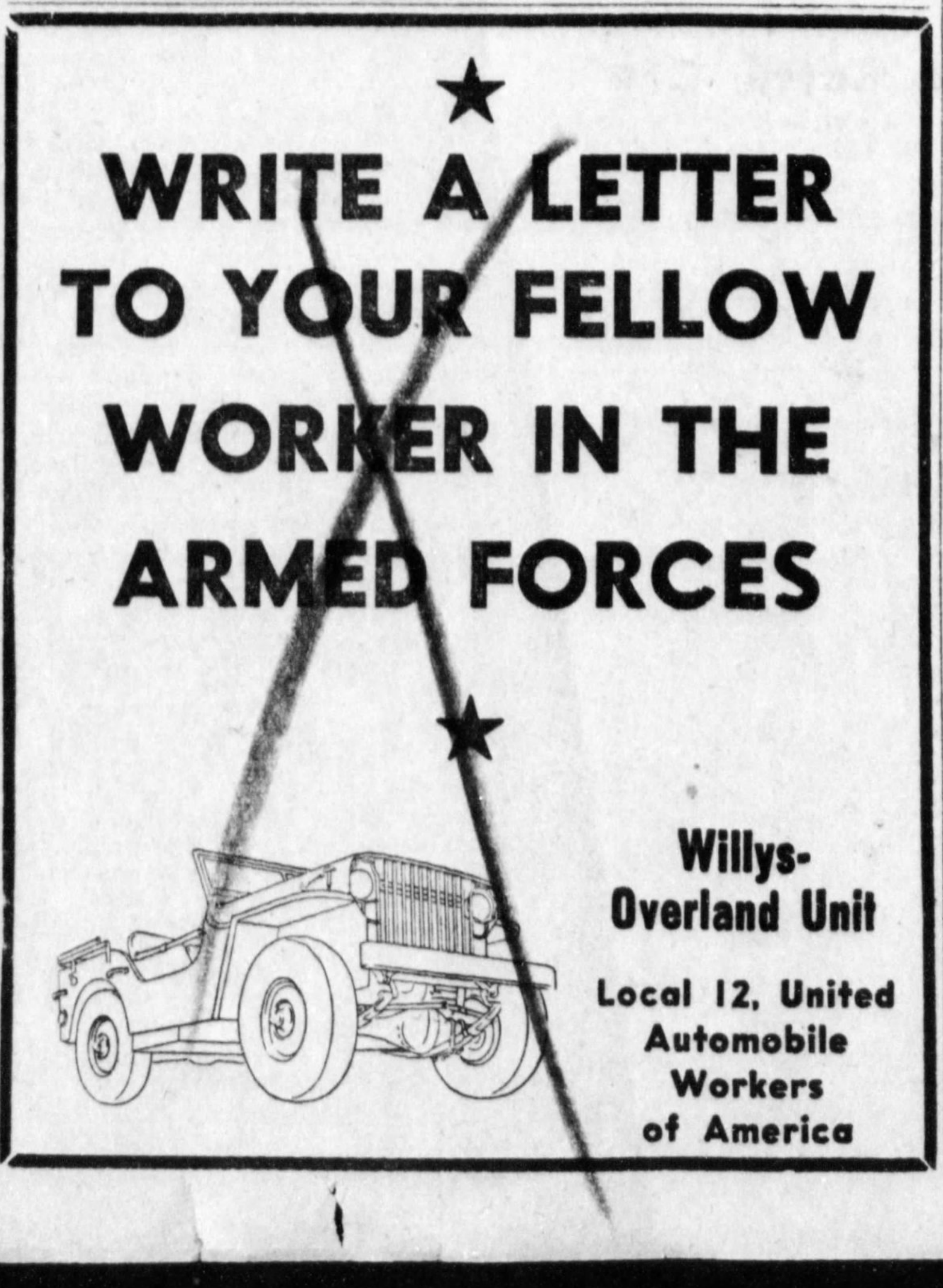
sary than ever before, especially since larger Army inductions will deplete the labor supply."

Evidences of a new nation-wide anti-labor drive accumulate from every section of the country. Daily press editorials new anti-labor state laws, and renewed activity by reactionary employer groups particularly on the West Coast, all add up to a concerted campaign that is aided by the new advertising project undertaken by the National Association of Manufacturers in the nation's leading daily papers.

Labor leaders see in the new anti-labor drive a strategy designed to counteract labor's own renewed efforts to obtain a guaranteed annual wage. Big business interests figuring the best defense is attack, have reasoned that if labor is put on the defensive on a threatened labor draft law it will have to divert much of its attention and energy from the campaign to win the guaranteed annual wage.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Political Action

by
Clayton Rusch
Chairman
of the Political Action Committee

We are beginning a new year. This is the time when it is customary to review the events of the past year and resolve to do better for the coming year.

Reviewing briefly the events of the past year, it is safe to conclude that although victory may yet be a long ways off, the forces of world fascism have been dealt crushing blows.

When world fascism is defeated on the military front, an important part of the task will be done. Yet, unless the fascist-minded foes of labor are prevented from ushering in another era of want in the midst of plenty, the seeds for more fascist regimes and more wars will be sown.

Despite the legislative attacks which have been launched against it in the last two years the labor movement has not been destroyed.

On the contrary the immense amount of war materials forged by our members have made possible the military victories.

NOT GLOATING

Reviewing the accomplishments of PAC for the last year is certainly not a case of gloating over victories. However, we played an important part in the public elections and this in itself constitutes progress for American labor. There were some victories. One hundred and twenty Congressmen and 17 U. S. Senators backed by PAC were elected on Nov. 7th. The PAC also helped elect governors in Ohio, Massachusetts, Washington, Idaho, Arizona and Utah.

Congressmen and Senators who were opposed by PAC and were defeated include Nye of North Dakota, Danaher of Connecticut, Davis of Pennsylvania, several Chicago Tribune supporters in Illinois, and Ham Fish in New York. Of the five candidates for judge endorsed by the Local PAC four were elected.

It might be well at this time while in a reviewing mood, to point out the essentials of the PAC program and our relation to political parties.

First of all it should be understood that we endorse candidates on the basis of qualifications and program regardless of party affiliations.

While we intend to build a ward, township and precinct organization second to none we are not a political party. We are just what our name implies a Political Action Committee for Social Legislation.

A PROGRAM

Yet we have something that cannot be said to be the possession of any political party as such at present. We have a CONCRETE PROGRAM for the improvement of the living standards of the American people.

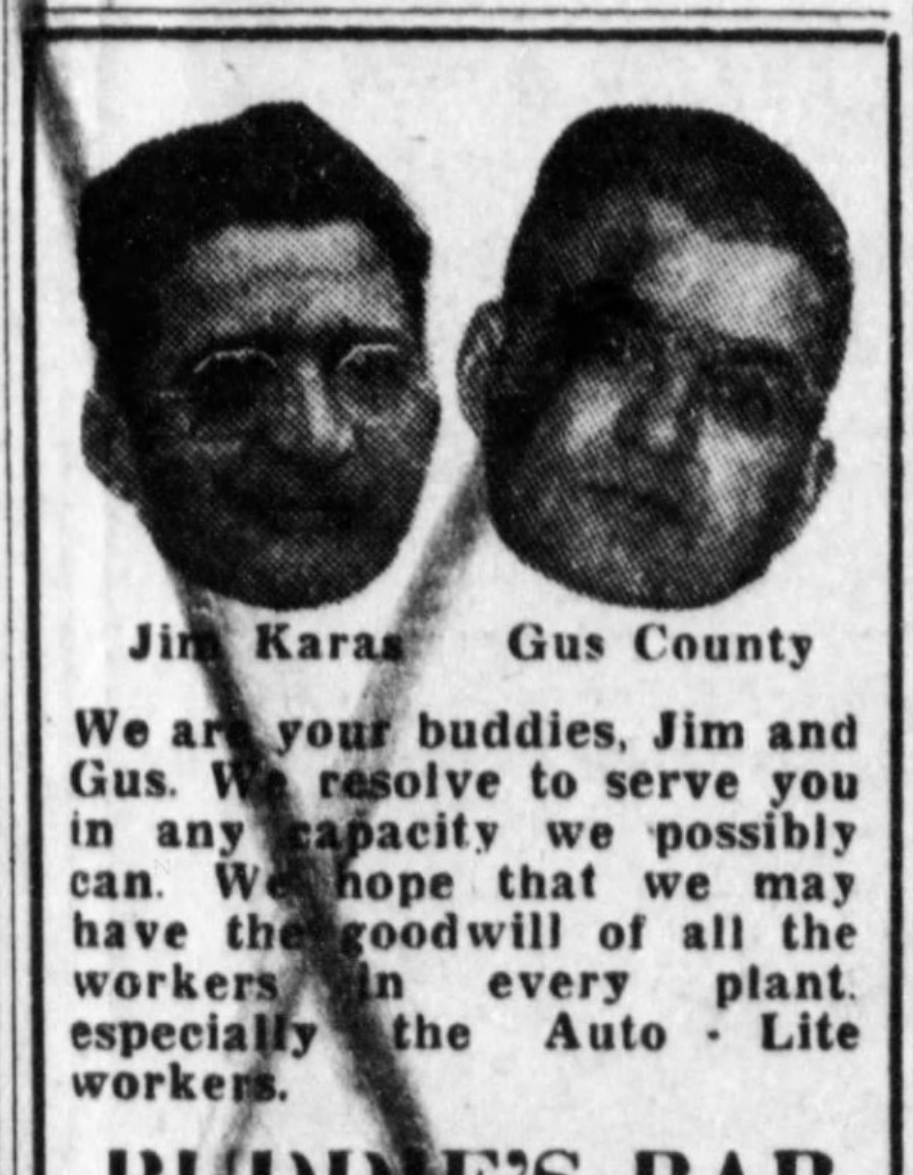
We stand for an adequate social security program; adequate unemployment insurance; adequate workers' compensation; adequate old age pensions and protection of civil liberties.

We support the principle that industry must be operated in the best interests of the whole people, and we stand unequivically for full employment.

We stand for a world organization of nations to maintain peace and international goodwill.

Since this is the time for new years resolutions, I wish to suggest a resolution to the readers of this column on behalf of the PAC.

"Resolved that I shall take out membership in PAC in 1945 and actively participate in the ward and township club organizations.


Jim Karas Gus County
We are your buddies, Jim and Gus. We resolve to serve you in any capacity we possibly can. We hope that we may have the goodwill of all the workers in every plant, especially the Auto-Lite workers.
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Journal

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our members play an important part in this city," he said.

Founded in 1942, the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, published by Local 12 has increased its circulation from less than 25,000 to more than 40,000 in slightly more than two years. It goes into more than 150 towns and cities in the Toledo area.

Designed originally as a Local union organ, the JOURNAL has come to represent the entire CIO in Toledo and has devoted its news and editorial column to the problems of the organization. It played a prominent part in organizational drives in Lima, Troy, Port Clinton, Fostoria and Sandusky and aided in local organizational work including the Lamson Brother's Co., drive of Local 363, URWDSEA-CIO.

Politically, the newspaper played an important part in the 1943 municipal election when Tom Burke, CIO leader was elected fourth to the Toledo city council and in the 1944 presidential campaign. Following CIO policy, the JOURNAL has been non-partisan in politics and will continue to be guided by the policies of the Political Action Committee.

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NEW YORK (CLNS) — The Government of Venezuela is making plans to issue a series of Rochdale Cooperative Centennial Stamps commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the cooperative store in Rochdale, England, December 21, 1844 from which the present world wide cooperative movement has grown.

Information received here by The Cooperative League of the USA indicates that the Rochdale Cooperative Centennial Stamps will be issued in denominations of 5, 10 and 30 centimos and 1.20 Bolivars, 1.80 Bolivars and 3.70 Bolivars. Date of issue will be December 21. Caracas, Venezuela will be host to representatives of cooperatives in many of the Latin-American Republics when the Bolivarian Cooperative Union meets there December 15 to December 21.

Foundries Hazardous

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The rate of disabling industrial injuries in foundries is more than double that for all manufacturing. Variations in rates within the industry are due to greater safety precautions taken by the employers, the Department of Labor says. However, "safety is not an impossible goal in any foundry" if employers and workers take proper precautions, the Department says.

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AROUND THE SHOP

Most of the better corporations give their employees a turkey or some sort of a bonus at Christmas time. For our Christmas present from the company, we received a new set of rules. Scrooge was a piker.

Since when have mice been smoking cigarettes? Jawn Ed. Birtwistle will give you the amazing details.

Twice now the stork has visited the A. Coci's and twice the event has passed without so much as a Pittsburg stoogie. Anyhow, even if the cigars were not forthcoming for the recent addition to the Coci family, a seven pound baby boy, we still can afford to be generous and congratulate the parents.

Al Wise who has been on the sick list for the past six months thanks all those who so kindly remembered him.

Roger Culver Metalsmith of our shop and now in the Navy was home recently and paid the shop a visit. We are always glad to see our boys come home to us and are looking forward with eagerness to the day when they can all come back.

The lousiest petty larceny that we have seen is the cheap screwball who breaks the glass in the front of the canteen for one measly candy bar.

Many thanks to Abner Smith our cafeteria man for donating $25 to our New Year's Eve party.

Another of our boys now in the Army paid a recent visit to the shop. He formerly worked in dept. 87. You remember Harold Zunk, that was him.

Although Ralph said he didn't need it, he did invest in his annual Christmas haircut again this year proving that the holiday spirit moves men to do big things.

You boys in dept. 6 should ask Bliss Thoades if he has joined the foremen's club yet, for future opportunities.

It's getting bad when Johnny Urban has to stand on the other fellows feet while he is talking to prevent them from walking away from him.

The reason business has fallen off in tool crib 3 is because "Boob" Benson is back on days again.

Eddie Hanson, dept. 39 would like to borrow a pair of dark glasses. Working days scares him.

Walter Luedtke is threatening to purchase a mouse trap to catch the moths that fly out of Danny's purse on those rare occasions when he opens it.

CIO Bid to AFL Rejected

WASHINGTON, December 26 (LPA)—Prospects of unity in the house of American labor were given another setback last week when AFL President William Green bluntly rejected a CIO proposal "to forge a broad program of action which can be accepted by all members of the American labor movement."

Acting on instructions of the CIO convention in Chicago, President Philip Murray declared in a public letter to Green that President Roosevelt's program for "a future of economic security based on an economic bill of rights and envisioning 60,000,000 jobs, can and will be achieved if the forces of labor are mobilized."

Both branches of labor, he continued, had a "basis for common action" in such problems as social security legislation, reconversion, and anti-labor laws.

Green termed the Murray proposal "the same sort of phoney, functional unity which the CIO has often prated about in the past. Our experiences during this war have taught us that it is impossible to maintain united labor policies and programs at the top while division, dualism and bitter discord continue in the field."

"The only way to achieve unity is to unite organically," Green said. Green's rejection was not in the form of an answering letter, but a public statement.

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Canco Unit

Opener

By Ted Modrowski

REMEMBER

When apprentices were 'mickey cleaners'?

When almost everybody rode a bicycle to work?

The big flood in Dept. 1 before the roof was completed on the new addition?

The Canco baseball team with the canvas suits? Some of the stars are still with us.

John Blank, the only local man to make a success of Superintendent at our plant?

The grocery store that was operated by the Canco Thrift Club?

Bill Mettler playing the piano for noon hour dancing on the second floor?

The gym on the third floor where the fellows boxed and played basketball?

Those were happy days some 25 years ago but management sure has changed.

HERE AND THERE

Following is an expression of claims by individuals for the coming year:

Leonard Lykowski will be the most ambitious fellow in the plant.

Frank Konczal is going to be a real business man.

Frank Nadolny is going to start bowling.

Johnny Powers is going to quit falling in love so much.

Floyd Madrzykowski is going to devise a new method of fastening three-cornered pants.

Lillian Bellfy will quit disturbing people with her singing.

Everybody is going to submit news items to this writer.

Gale Randolph (Joe Shinevar's helper) will not pump the gum machine for 60 sticks any more. (But just as much I suppose.)

All in all this year of 1945 should be overflowing with surprises,

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You must report all changes of address to the company and to the Union.

In cases of absence you must report for work on the FOURTH day or lose your seniority.

Pay your dues on time. Two months in arrears means suspension from the Union. A good idea is to pay your dues in advance—NOW.

The American Can Unit meets the second Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendars and make that a standing date.

Local 12 meets the second Friday of each month. Make it your business to be to at least half of these.

Become active in the Union, because YOU are the Union.

WLB Denies 20% Raise To White Collar Workers

WASHINGTON — (LPA) — The National War Labor Board last week denied a request of the United Office and Professional Workers of America-CIO for a 20% general wage increase at the Curtiss-Wright Corp's Airplane Division at Buffalo, N. Y. It did direct increases ranging from two to four dollars a week in the minimum rates for eight of the lower labor grades. The union request, if granted, would have averaged approximately $7.50 per week for 5,500 salaried office and technical workers and 150 hourly paid production employees of the mold left department at the Buffalo plants.

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Seeing Eye—*W-O Unit*

POLITICS

A short time ago orders were issued that every one must ring their own clock cards. We are wondering if this order only referred to workers and not supervision. If it referred to supervision then it surely is being violated in Plant Sanitation Department, first shift. One of the strange quirks of life is in this department.

When Corbett was the head of the Plant Engineering he tried every way to find a place for Wagner. The result was that Pete Bain was ousted and Wagner took his place. He knows practically nothing about Plant Sanitation. Now neither Fitness nor Corbett are working for the Overland. Politics is a great game in and out of factories.

ABOUT PEOPLE

There are two fine operators in Dept. 605, Bernice Whalen a star saleslady on the War Chest in 1943, and Rose Fender. You will find both on operation 180—3rd shift. Rose also operates in 140 when they need a real operator on hard shells. We hear Rose is only waiting for Benny to be called to the army when she will bid for his job. Bernice says she is going to take a little holiday around Christmas in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Now that boss Conoly of Dept. 401, 1st shift, has an all Irish crew by the names of McMann, Moriarty, O'Rourke and Fitzgerald in his office, there should be an example—peace and harmony.

The officers of the Willys Unit wish all the members a Happy New Year, the best of health and a job for everyone in the years to come.

The many brothers in Dept. 502 have been wondering why Elwood Hitchcock has had that contented look on his face and why he greeted everyone with a smile. You guessed it; his wife presented him with a baby girl. Congratulations, Hitch.

The many friends of Tony Holewinski, time keeper, in Powder Hoist wish him a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

Little did we ever think that Bob Ogle who helped built this union would try gestapo methods on his fellow members. But this has actually happened since he was promoted to a brass hat. He makes it his business to see that every one rings out at the right time.

There seems to be a budding romance in the making in Dept. 502 between Mike Moriarty and a sweet little miss by the name of Audine who seems to be very anxious to snare Brother Mike. But maybe Mike isn't interested or doesn't know the lady has designs on him. Wake up Mike, or are you waiting for Marvel to change her mind.

Have you sent any UAW-CIO G. I. Mail yet? Get a dozen or so and give them to your friends who have relatives or friends in service. This letter contains information vital to every man in Uncle Sam's fighting service. It informs them that when they come home there is a job awaiting them and they do not have to look forward to selling apples for a living. The receivers of these letters do not have to be union members. Do it today. Get them at the Union Room.

We understand Vic Ohlemacher, general foreman of Dept. 175, has a private secretary. My, how fast we have risen in this world. We bet Vic keeps his hands clean now. Seeing that Vic still begrudges a decent wage to anyone, the poor girl has a line of novelty jewelry that she sells to anyone as a sideline.

Anyone interested in learning the fine art of bowling should contact Bosses Tiny Conally, Fancy Pants Kaiser and the Great Frutchey of Dept. 401, Millwrights. These boys are specialists in the art of bowling, at least they brag a good game.

The officers and members of Willys Unit offer their sympathy to the wife and family of Brother Paul Smud of Dept. 605, formerly of 268 who passed away December 18th.

To the families of Brother Ralph Van Glahn formerly of Dept. 357 and Roman Zarnock who have paid the supreme sacrifice that democracy may live, we offer our sincere sympathy.

On behalf of my Mother and family, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Willy's Unit for the assistance they gave us during the time we lost our Dear Father. To departments 103, 102, 667 and the second shift Flying Squadron for their kind remembrances. It certainly makes a fellow feel better with such a tragic loss to know a man can have so many brothers and sisters remember him in a crisis like this. Again thanking you from the bottom of my heart, I remain as ever.

Robert Hill 103-223.

Auto-Lite Unit

News

GOT HIS CHECK

Advanced Radar Lab
Victorville A. A. F.
December 11, 1944

Auto Lite Workers:

Just a few words of appreciation from one of your Fellow Workers. I received the Christmas card today and the inclosed check and though it was held up a while due to a change of my address it arrived in time to come in handy for the Holiday Season. I want to thank all the workers who so faithfully contribute to the Service Men's Fund each month and also to the committee who have the task of making up the checks and money orders. It really must be quite a task and they are to be complimented for doing such a splendid job. I would like to thank every one personally but without a furlough I'm afraid it is quite impossible so I hope this letter helps to express my deep and sincere appreciation to all concerned.

I feel sure that all of you are doing your utmost by working and buying War Bonds so the Peace on Earth we sing of during the Christmas Holidays may once more be a reality instead of a memory.

Though I can't be over there in the midst of the battle I will endeavor to do my best here; teaching others the use and operation of the equipment I am working with. If we all do our best both in the factories and training bases we can help to shorten the War tremendously. Let's hope the peace comes soon.

Once more I wish to thank every one for the checks I have received so regularly each month. Though it doesn't near the amount of the checks I used to get each Wednesday I assure you it is appreciated as much. Every time I get one it reminds me of the Auto-Lite and all the workers who are doing so much to shorten the length of the war so their Loved Ones may once more come home and live a happy and normal life once more.

Hoping this expresses my thoughts, I remain an Auto-Lite friend and future worker.

Sincerely,
Wilbur Hansen
S/Sgt. W. L. Hansen 35342641
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V. A. A. F. Victorville,
California.

"Jobs For All Is Battle Cry"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (LPA)—Political action by the "common man" can insure full employment, Vice-president Wallace declared last week in an address to the American Statistical Association.

Wallace emphasized that "in actuality the common man would have no guarantee of his right to a job unless he were politically organized."

Recalling his statements during the election campaign, Wallace said that he had telegraphed FDR on Oct. 28 saying that "Your goal of 60,000,000 jobs is perhaps high but I glory in your daring and, as you say, America can do the impossible."

"Jobs for all," declared Wallace, "should and will be the economic battle cry of all the world for the next 20 years.

"In the economy of the future," he continued, "the only true national deficit will be labor unemployed . . . The essential idea is that the Federal government is ultimately responsible for full employment and can discharge its responsibility only by planning in advance."

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Lakeside Unit

Chatter

With the holidays finally over, it's pretty tough getting on the beam again. (Oh why did I take that last drink.) But nevertheless we're starting a new year and wouldn't it be a good idea to start the new year with a few new resolutions, such as No. 1—United we stand at all times.

No. 2. We shall co-operate at all times to the best of our ability with our union.

No. 3. We shall not in the future read such drivel as Westbrook Peglar's column.

No. 4. We shall not cuss too heartily when we have such lousy paste and lining to work with.

No. 5. We shall retaliate with same when Art Woodgate tells those famous fairy tails. (I could think of a better name for them).

No. 6. We shall try to think of something to make the War Labor Board render their decision sooner.

No. 7. And last but not least to thank Ollie Pecord for the patience he must have for printing our usually badly written column.

Every one had a big let down Saturday morning on finding a nice long envelope in their card rack, thinking it a bonus and finding it to be the usual letter (supposedly of Xmas cheer) of fooey from the management.

But putting all kidding aside, who knows but maybe some year they might surprise us and really give us something, for instance, maybe an after dinner set (box of 150 tooth picks). At any rate we can't accuse our management of any discrimination. No sir, whether you work there three weeks or 30 years, you still get a No. 2 fruit cake. Aren't managements generous? Anyway they did throw a nice Xmas party for us. Did I say us? We heard of a few that were successful in ploughing through the salesman and office force to the bar for a drink. Santa was pretty nice though. We see Dorothy Borowski sporting a pretty diamond from her boy friend. Kathrine Smith was also given a diamond ring by her inspiration. Thresa Wintermantle received a nice watch from her boy friend, nope that's wrong, from her daughter. Chairman Maxine Comfort was presented with a beautiful pin set from her department among many other gifts.

Our sympathy and best wishes to Abe Michel, Nick Larry and Clyde Wheeler who we hope to have back with us soon. Happy New Year!

Plaskon Powder Pounders

When will Ken Garber get a haircut? Ask George Dull where he got his. He got a new hat with his. Dale Heter has a joke to tell. Mrs. Chandler let Stanley come to our meetings.

If anyone falls on the sidewalk in front of the plant, there is apt to be a complaint on absentees. It is evident our employers and J. Q. Public are on the same standings, but will have to stay off the sidewalk to prove it.

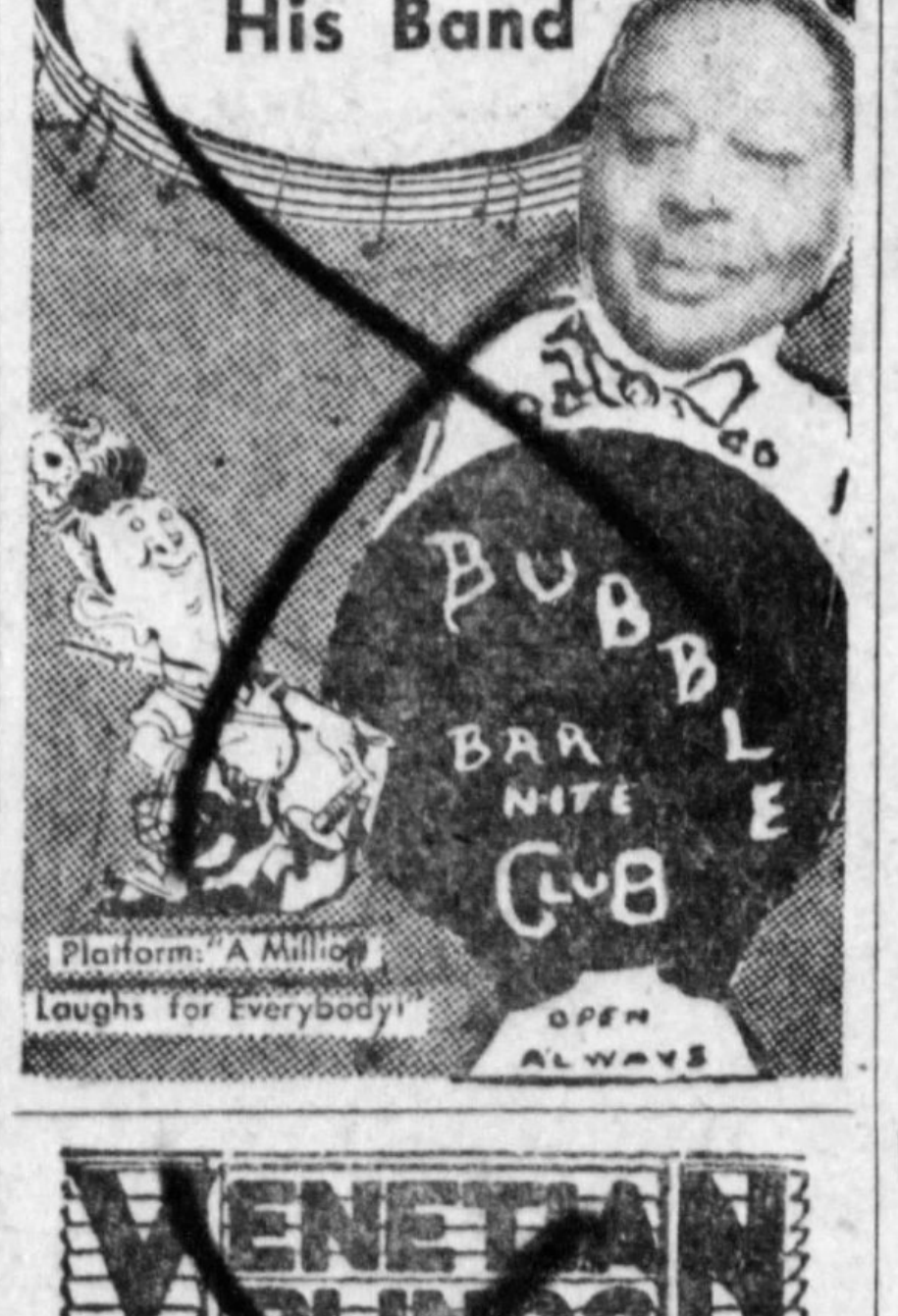
Three shifts took up a collection for their boss just before Christmas. No one got sent home either, which expresses that the 4F foremen have a higher estimation of themselves than for the good men that are protecting our way of life on the battlefields.

Oh well! We'll have a bounty on skunks some day. A good detergency committee might prove successful as a combat measure.

Mrs. O. Brown presented hubby with an eight-pounder of the male sex, hence congratulations are in order.

What became of Mrs. Wissing on pay night? Al, you must be going right hom now.

Congratulations are in order for the new year. Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, baby girl. None other than.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Overconfidence

Germany's unexpected winter offensive which caught the American army off balance, is another illustration of the disasterous consequences which can come as a result of overestimating our own strength and underestimating that of our enemies.

Just a few short weeks ago, the people of this country, encouraged by the optimistic statements and predictions of our military leaders, believed that the war was rapidly nearing its triumphant conclusion.

Criticism of the planning of government brass hats, some of it from the labor unions of the country as a result of severe production cutbacks, was subdued and not too open.

Labor unions talked about reconversion plans on the grounds that those unemployed as a result of cutbacks should be given work.

Today, we observe the brass hats scurrying about in a frantic effort to undo their own muddle-headed planning. Once more the country is being whipped into a new frenzy of production. New contracts for the production of vitally needed materials and equipment are being passed out hurriedly to industries which had almost completely ceased production.

Were it merely a simple little error of insufficient production which did not involve the lives of Americans, we could pass up this opportunity. However, thousands of American troops on European soil are endangered because of the lack of proper planning on the part of those whose job it is to know what to deliver and in what quantity.

All during the war labor has been attacked and criticized by those who have grasped upon every work stoppage, no matter how small, and have poured their abuse upon loyal and patriotic American workers for allegedly sacrificing the lives of American soldiers on the battle fronts of the world.

But what about the governmental planners who have, by their lack of ability to plan, been responsible for the success of the German attack upon American armies in Europe?

Labor is willing now, as it has always been willing to produce the materials of war. It is willing to forget, at least for the time being, the faulty planning of those who are supposed to know how to plan, and give its best efforts, not to saving the skins of brass hats and government big shots, but to saving the lives of American boys and bringing them to victory.

Overconfidence has received its reward. Now is the time for quiet confidence and an effort to overcome the damage that has been done.

New Responsibility

Today, the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL proudly takes its place as the official publication of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, representing 58,000 CIO members in the Toledo area.

In assuming its enlarged duties, this paper is deeply aware of its increased responsibility, not only to CIO, but to the public. It accepts that responsibility and will attempt to meet it all all times and under all circumstances.

From its beginning, slightly more than two years ago, down to the present time, the JOURNAL has sought, and we believe succeeded in reflecting the policies of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. It will continue in the future, as it has in the past, to guide its editorial policies in tune with those of the parent organization.

During its first two years of publication, the JOURNAL has been found well to the front in aiding all affiliated CIO unions which have needed or sought its assistance. It has never hesitated to lend its support, through its news columns and editorials, to CIO unions which have attempted to advance the cause of the workers. It has defended and fought for those who have been unjustly attacked.

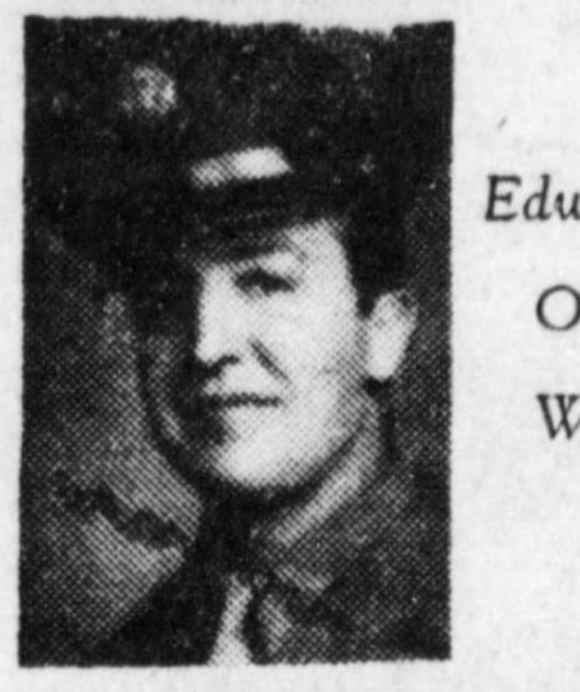
As it enters upon its new duties and enlarged responsibilities, this newspaper pledges anew its wholehearted support and cooperation to all CIO affiliates. It is their publication to command.

In presenting itself in this, its first issue as TIUC publication, the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL brings to its readers, the CIO workers of Toledo, a positive program which has been approved by the CIO leadership of this city. It gives a slogan for the present and the future, a goal to work for, a success to achieve.

The slogan of CIO in Toledo, the platform which will be the principal goal of this newspaper and CIO in Toledo for the future, is one to which we can all give our support and aid. We present the platform and slogan of this paper and of the CIO leaders of Toledo:

ORGANIZE TOLEDO—100%.

What's New?



By
Edward Duck
On Leave
With The
Army

WHAT PEACE?

It's Christmas Eve here in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in the United States. In fact, it's Christmas Eve in lots of places all over the world, where American boys are fighting for their lives, or lying in hospitals, wishing they could be home for just a few hours tonight and tomorrow.

I'm at my favorite spot, the USO center, where throngs of Infantrymen, Coastguardsmen, Navy and Air Corps boys congregate to listen to phonograph records, play the piano and write letters.

A rugged-looking Infantry rifleman is giving an impromptu piano recital of Chopin music, astounding everyone, including a Toledoan named Kenneth McDonald, who tells me he knows Dick Gosser and Clayton Rusch.

Throughout the afternoon frequent microphone announcements invited us to take trips to the nearby ostrich-alligator farm, and there were numerous other offers of boat trips, musicales, dinners and other entertainment.

IN CAMP

In Camp Blanding there is a genuine effort being made toward providing a real holiday for the boys. Thousands of pounds of turkey will be consumed. Mail call has been held four times daily. Almost anyone who has requested a pass has been granted one (most of the men will return to camp tomorrow for the "feast"). And when our officers wished us a Merry Christmas, they really meant it.

Yes, tomorrow will be Christmas. In a few more hours we will celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Merry Christmasses will echo around the world. Gifts will be opened, hearts will be gladdened, little children's eyes will bulge with astonishment and happy gatherings will be held.

The lights will still be burning on many Christmas trees when Tuesday morning's reveille sounds at Camp Blanding, which means that Co. C, including one Private Duck will "rise and shine," race for the formation, shoulder their rifles and march off to learn all about the big 57 mm guns used by the Infantry's Anti-tank Division.

GONE

Gone is Christmas. There is no peace. St. Augustine was good while it lasted. Folks back home will be in their work togs and on their way to the home front arsenals. The little children's excitement has cooled off and those happy gatherings are but a memory. Yes, even Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" won't sound the same for another year. That's the picture of the day after Christmas.

No, there is no peace. On the battle fronts of Europe and the Philippines history is being made—bloody history. The ugly head of Fascism has bared its fangs and threatened democracy, religion, liberty and the home. The political and economic liberty for which organized labor has fought and is fighting would be lost completely should our boys fail in their assignments. The Century of the Common Man, as depicted by Henry Wallace would become an empty fairy tale, should we lose this war.

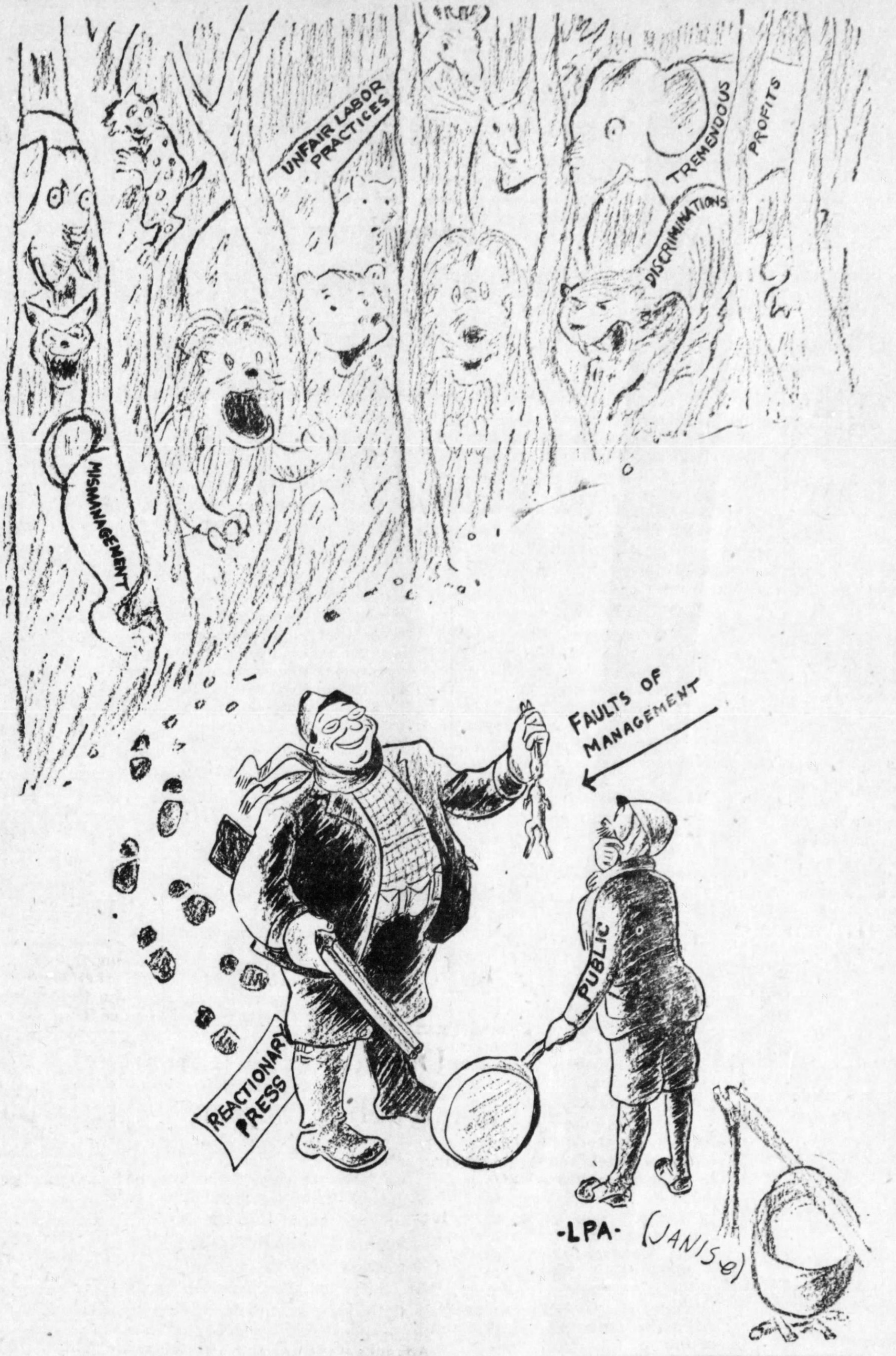
All of us hope that Germany's latest move will hasten her ultimate destruction, and that Japan, too, will be finished off before another Christmas rolls around.

AS FOR PEACE

But, as for peace—there will never be any form of universal or lasting peace until there has been a change in the hearts of men. Greed, lust for power, and an utter disregard for the rights and dignity of the individual will create wars so long as they exist.

These things are not confined within the borders of any particular country. Perhaps it would be a good idea to examine a few "home-grown products," so that when the war has been won it will not be too great a shock for them to learn that what applies for foreign Fascists applies also to local Fascists.

It's now time for me to catch the bus so I'll say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



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It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

WAR OR PEACE

Victory to the United Nations will bring with it the seeds of a new world war, or it will bring many years of peace to the world.

Victory cannot remain victory if it is to be based upon injustice, force and greed.

And in the knowledge that peace has never yet come from injustice, but that all wars are bred of it, how can we observe what is occuring in the world today without feelings of fear for the future peace of the world.

When America first entered the war, a great surge of enthusiastic idealism swept over the country. The Four Freedoms, the Atlantic Charter, bringing democracy to the backward peoples of the earth were the guiding lights, the beacons to light our way to a glorious victory over the forces of fear and oppression.

Unity was the watchword. We were a unified people. We met with the other nations fighting Fascism and Naziism and we called ourselves, "the United Nations."

Then came the heady wine of victory after victory. The Germans were pushed out of Africa, chased out of Sicily, beaten back in Italy, blitzed out of France and shot out of Russia. Everything was ready to administer the final blow, the knockout punch to an enemy reeling and staggering from our constant air and land battering.

SIDESHOW

As victory followed victory, Winston Churchill, the courageous leader of the English told the world, "I did not become premier of England to preside over the demise of the monarchy." Those were blunt words, but nobody except a few crackpots and liberals were alarmed by them. Surely, Mr. Churchill was a loyal Englishman and no loyalist anywhere could blame him too much for his sentiments.

And then Mr. Churchill in discussing the war and its conflicting idealologies, made the statement that the war was becoming less and less a conflict of ideologies.

Then came more victories and Greece and Poland became the two prizes for the United Nations. England took over Greece, while Russia made it very clear that her particular sphere of influence would be Poland.

Finally, the English told Greece that she could not do as she pleased about her government, and she told the Greeks, not with kind words, not by persuasion or logic, but with bullets and bayonets. Truly, the ideology is becoming less and less.

Then, as if to completely disillusion the world which had heard this called a "people's war," we were informed that the Atlantic Charter was a piecemeal document written for the reporters to flash to an amazed world when Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill met at sea for a conference.

WHAT'S NEXT

The rapidity with which events follow each other in these days of victorious battles has been spectacular, so much so that it makes many wonder what would be the outcome of total victory if it were to occur suddenly.

But the Germans have taken care of that, for in their desperate efforts to prolong the war and upset the allied time-table, they have perhaps given the peoples of the democracies an opportunity to think over the war and wonder what is going to follow.

Peace cannot be established upon the plans which apparently are now in the making. No peace can be true peace unless it is based upon justice to all peoples. Just as no nation can exist half-slave and half free, as Lincoln so aptly said, so no world can exist where one-half is poverty stricken, deprived of opportunity and held subject by its stronger and richer neighbor nations.

As the war draws to its inevitable close, we find ourselves wondering if the peace which is to follow this war will be another uneasy armistice, a breather to permit the nations of the world to prepare for the next blood bath, or if the peoples of the world will reject the leadership which now seems intent upon creating the conditions and planting the seeds leading to World War III.

Uppermost in the thoughts of the peoples of the world is the question: If the United Nations already are in disagreement before the war ends, what will occur once hostilities have ceased and each nation seeks to advance its own materialistic positions?

Editor's Mail

Ask Women's Aid

Dear Sir:

I am a mother and I have a son overseas. If I were qualified to do something other than buy Bonds and work for the Red Cross whenever they need me, I certainly would be there. Certainly there are enough women in Toledo who aren't acquainted with the fact that they too might be able to help where they are needed most. No doubt, you are aware, but in scanning the pages of your newspaper, it is my personal opinion that this type of story ought to be placed in front of the public. Incidentally, I have a daughter in the service, too.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Valentine Seeger, Jr.
2139 Evansdale Avenue
Toledo, Ohio.

Servicemen's Letters

Praises "Best" Union

Nov. 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Gosser

I have received a good many boxes from you and the Brothers and Sisters of our fine Union and when I say fine Union I mean just that for I know of no Union that is doing as much for its boys in the service and I have talked to boys from all other Unions from all over the States and by the way find that we have the best union. I also want to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters for the fine boxes that they are sending us boys.

Oh by the way, Dick, I landed up in the hospital due to an accident and have a long time to wait here before I'll know whether I am going to be a cripple for life or not. I'll let you know how I make out in about 6 or 8 weeks. I though that I wouldn't take up much of your time with this letter because of my poor writing, it is because I have a nerve torn in my left foot and it gives me the shakes lots of the time, hurts too. So for this time I'll close and keep up the good work Dick. With all the best of wishes and best of luck to all good bye for now. I'll be seeing you when it's all over, so take good care of everything. Bye now.

Forever yours,
Co. X Lester L. Heaton
28th Special Naval Construction
Battalion Co. D. Plt. 5
c/o F. P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Appreciates Smokes

Dear Dick:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have received the cigarettes in compliment of the Union and appreciate them very much, especially over here when th esupply gets low at times, due to the cause to my belief that there are things needed first rather than smoking. I also appreciate the letters that you and the Union sends me and hope that they will keep it up.

T/5 Lawrence J. Weber,
35556106 Hq. Btry. 774
F. A. Bn.
A P O 230 c/o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

On The Beam

By
Clayton W. Fountain

PEACE!

Peace, peace—there is no peace!

Again, as we mark the turning of the year, the cryers for peace voice their laments to the heavens. Peace, peace—there is no peace, they complain.

I am impelled to observe—as 1945 is born to the soft, low music of exploding bombs and shells—that there is no peace on earth this holiday season because the peoples of the world are not yet ready to pay the price of peace.

And what is the price of peace?

Is it two bits, two pence or two rubles?

No, the price of peace cannot be measured by any of these monetary standards which man has designed to indicate the value of material things. Peace is not something to be haggled over in the market-place, like a smoked herring.

The price of peace is not fixed like the tag on an item in a dime store window.

ENERGY AND SWEAT

The price of peace is the amount of energy and sweat and blood it will take to throw out of government everywhere in the world those who would measure all life's values in standards of coins.

The price of peace is the will to grasp your fellow's hand and join with him in the fight to turn the productive capacity of the world to the production of bread, homes and coats for the people of the world.

The price of peace is the cost of placing on school boards those citizens who will order that our children be taught that all men are equal, regardless of race, religion, the color of the skin or the fatness of the purse.

The price of peace is the time it takes to go to the polls and vote on election day.

GUTS TO FIGHT

The price of peace is the guts it takes to grab a tommy gun and fight for freedom—in Greece, in India, in Spain, or anywhere else.

The price of peace is faith in your fellow man.

And the peoples of the world are not yet ready to pay this price.

The Atlantic Charter will not bring us peace. The Four Freedoms will not bring us peace. The Declarations of Teheran will not bring us peace. The mysterious doings at Dumbarton Woods will not bring us peace.

None of these things can bring us peace because they are the doings of men who lack the courage to call upon the people to pay the price of peace.

And the people will not now pay that price. If they would, the war would be over by next Tuesday.

WORKERS FOR PEACE

Who are the real workers for peace?

Not the heads of governments who seek peace by bickering over boundary lines while their constituent peoples go cold and hungry.

Not the half-baked radicals who look down their noses at the people intellectually by asserting that all are suckers who support and fight the war against Hitlerism.

Not the impractical pacifists who deplore all violence.

The real workers for peace are those who go among the people to teach what is the price of peace and to rally the people for the paying of that price. The real workers for peace are those who tell the people that there will be no peace until there are jobs and loaves and homes and shoes for all.

I greet the real workers for peace.

In 1945, through their efforts, the bonds of human fellowship will be built stronger, and the light of reason will shine brighter and broader over the land.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

HOPE REALIZED

For quite a few years, I have had a hope that Toledo could have a labor paper. Now, the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL is a fact and has been named as the official newspaper of the CIO in Toledo.

I don't think the JOURNAL is the best labor paper in the world and I know there will be improvements made in it as it goes along, but I do believe it is on its way to becoming one of America's great labor papers and that it will eventually reach that goal.

As one of the original planners of this newspaper, I have followed the JOURNAL very carefully. I have watched it, week after week, and month after month as it went along. I can't say that I think there has been anything spectacular about it. It has just grown up slowly like a healthy infant should, with a little pain here and there as it has grown.

FUTURE OF LABOR

Watching the JOURNAL from its birth, through its growing pains, which it is still having, reminds me of the growth of the labor movement. Certainly labor has had its growing pains and we can all remember them. Labor has made its errors, it has had its internal battles, it has changed its leadership and some of its ideas, but it still keeps on growing, because the ideas and principles behind organized labor are sound.

I don't know what the future of the JOURNAL will be, but I do think it will continue to grow to a strong publication which will represent the CIO in Toledo and throughout Northwestern Ohio. If the paper becomes what we hope it will, we will have a strong voice to express our side of the questions which will arise in the future.

Labor needs a strong press which can bring its side of all questions to the workers, the employers and the public. It must be a means of educating the workers so they will know where their true interests lie, in fact, the main idea back of the labor press is to enlighten the workers.

I believe that the CIO in Toledo can have such a paper if they will give it their support. Labor must support its own press, because the labor press will support labor.

WORK TO DO

The work which the labor press must do, now and in the postwar period, is a work which many of us cannot now appreciate. As we go into the postwar with its new problems and changing conditions, the need for strong labor papers will become clearer.

Without a strong labor press, labor will be handicapped. With it, it will be strengthened.

To the delegates of the Toledo Industrial Union Council I want to express my congratulations for picking the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL as their official newspaper. I pledge myself to work with them to make the paper into a publication in which they will take pride, and hope it will continue to grow.

To the staff of the JOURNAL I extend my thanks for their co-operation, past and present and call upon them to give their new assignment their best and most sincere efforts.

Together, we can all go forward to the goal which we have set for ourselves — greater security for all the workers through organition.

From The Desk of Melvin Schultz

President,
Local 12, UAW-CIO

The following letter has been received in my office from the Chairman of The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Association:

"Mr. Melvin Schultz, President,
Local No. 12, C. I. O.
Toledo, Ohio.
Dear Melvin:

As Chairman of the Paper Sale of The Old Newsboys' Goodfellows this year, I want to thank you, and the members of your organization for your fine efforts in making our sale the greatest one in our history.

Although, we are still counting the money turned in from the Overland, this year's sale looks like the largest one yet; and the fine work that your men did, will furnish many a youngsters with shoes, clothing and food if necessary.

If you or any member of your organization knows of any youngster that needs help, will you let us know, and we will take care of them immediately.

Thanking you again for your work in arranging the sale in the factories where you are represented, and wishing you the Season's Greeting, and a very prosperous New Year, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Ray Kest, Chairman
Paper Sale"

For the past several years, our Union has lent its efforts toward helping The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Association to raise funds because of the fact that this project is promoted to help youngsters who do not have the advantages of wealth to a sufficient degree to give them the necessities of life. I certainly hope that should any of our members know of a youngster who may need help, this office will be contacted immediately, so that the help can be forthcoming. Without being brought to the attention of your Union, it is impossible to insure the best use of the funds which our members have donated. Your wholehearted cooperation will be apreciated.

I would suggest that in each Unit meeting under Good and Welfare, the membership be asked whether they know of any youngster in distress and that the Welfare Committees of each Unit make themselves familar with the above organization so that they can call upon them for help in deserving cases.

Skinner-Kimbrough Trip Makes History

Film of 'Our Hearts Were Young and Gay' Is Season's Hit

No one in any field of endeavor, it appears, is immune to being biographied by the movies these days. They've immortalized baseball hero Lou Gehrig, Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, George M. Cohan, Corydon M. Wassell, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Woodrow Wilson and an ocean voyage made by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough.

The biography of the Skinner-Kimbrough trip is already known to twenty million readers as "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," a best-seller which made the whole nation laugh-conscious.

The screen version, which is now showing at the Paramount Theatre, has beautiful Gail Russell playing the part of Miss Skinner, Diana "miracle" Lynn impersonating Miss Kimbrough, Dorothy Gish as Mrs. Otis Skinner and Charlie Ruggles as the famed thespian, Otis Skinner.

"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" is a biographical stanza in the lives of these two ladies, who as girls made news wherever they went, and they were always going somewhere. That's why Paramount producers saw the finished print of the picture and immediately cancelled the author's train reservations for their return trip to New York, insisting that they start work immediately on another trip—any trip—just so long as it was as funny as their first. And so, before "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" has reached half the audiences of the country, Paramount is geting ready to "shoot" its sequel.

Paramount Did Biographies

There are all kinds of biographical pictures, of course. Paramount did the biographies of five men at one time in 'The Hitler Gang." "The Story of Dr. Wassell" was inspired by Roosevelt's fireside chat in which he paid tribute to Dr. Corydon M. Wassell, hero of the South Pacific, Greer Garson portrayed Madame Curie, and Don Ameche has done half our famous Americans. There's a wealth of material in the lives and loves of the world's illustrious.

However, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" represents the first attempt to re-enact a specific phase in the lives of living people. The trip to Europe made by the sub-debs Gail and Diana in search of love, fun and excitement is one of the funniest expeditions ever written or screened. The girls turn Paris upside down. They leave London devastated. They write ocean-going history without knowing it. They're the hottest comedy team on the screen today.

Getting lost on the highest balcony of Notre Dame and entering the Ritz lobby in Paris wrapped only in horse blankets represents some of the milder incidents the girls experience.

They stand nonchalantly in the Savoy lobby in their hand-made petticoats while American college boys fight it out with two presuming French gentlemen. They just naturally attract attention, which just as naturally always seems to lead to confusion and hysterically amusing situations. But the girls love the excitement and all the boys love the girls.

Lewis Allen directed the picture and for the big romance angle he cast as leading men a pair of young stalwarts called Bill Edwards and Jim Brown.

LEO TO BE ACTOR

Leo the Lion, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's famous trade mark, will become the central character in a cartoon series to be produced for that studio by Fred Quimby.

Two young adventurers receive some wordly advice from Charles Ruggles as Otis Skinner in Paramount's "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," now showing at the Paramount Theatre. Diana Lynn, left, plays Emily Kimbrough while Gail Russell portrays Cornelia Otis Skinner. The picture, adapted from the Skinner-Kimbrough best-seller, is an account of the authors' own experiences abroad. Dorothy Gish, Bill Edwards and James Brown have featured roles.

SETTER CUTS TEETH

Shed a tear for Fay Holden—her Irish Setter, Copper, got into her stamped and addressed Christmas cards and cut his teeth on all 150 of them!

Groovie Gloria

Gloria DeHaven's fan mail is like the mountain that came to Mohammed. Standing only 5 feet 2, the youthful blue-eyed honeyblonde can send a hit song rolling down the groove. Next picture will be "Dr. Red Adams," with Van Johnson.

Stars From Many Towns, Many Jobs

HOLLYWOOD—The w. k. road to stardom starts from tank towns, whistle stops, Greenwich Village, Wampus Flats and from the oddest jobs imaginable.

That two-time Academy Award winner, Spencer Tracy, earned his first three dollars by lighting the gas lamps which lined Prospect Avenue in Milwaukee promptly at dusk every evening—received three cents for each lamp!

Not even that super-colossal glamour girl, Lucille Ball, of the flaming tresses, scoffed at pennies. She was only three, but she came home with $1.03, earned it by singing on the street corners for coppers.

Then, "Jumbo," that's what his circus pals called Wallace Beery, in the days when his initial pay check came from his first job with the Ringling Brothers circus watering the elephants.

Greer Garson Typist

The charming Greer Garson found her way there through the devious route of typing memos and taking dictation in the offices of a London advertising firm.

And proof that people around motion picture studios can be blind is the case of Hedy Lamarr, who worked for six months worked for the Vienna Sasha Film Company, not as the luscious star, but as script clerk!

The trustworthy pick and shovel came in mighty handy to George Murphy when he was a kid in Pennsylvania. His hands were smarter than his feet in those days. He worked as a coal miner.

Variety for Gene

Another hoofer, Gene Kelly by name, mixed both concrete and sodas to save enough money to go through Penn State. Before James Craig took to digging ditches around the oil wells of Texas, he hired out as sparring partner for boxers until he learned that his first "victim" was a former champion!

So take heart, kids. Today you may be emptying waste-baskets, but tomorrow you may be a star!

Stars Aid Union Benefit For Wounded

NEW YORK (LPA)—Top-notch stars of the stage, screen and operatic world will participate in "Salute to the Wounded," a huge entertainment for the benefit of the nation's war wounded in Madison Square Garden here on Jan. 9.

Conceived and sponsored by the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers-CIO, "Salute to the Wounded" aims to raise a minimum of $50,000 for the Chaplain's and Welfare Funds "to provide for the comfort and well-being of wounded servicemen" at five major veterans' hospitals.

Edward Arnold Again To Work With Friday

HOLLYWOOD — Friday, the police dog owned and trained by William G. Steuer, has been signed by M-G-M to repeat in "The Hidden Eye" the role that gave him his name. The canine actor is cast as the seeing-eye dog of a blind detective, portrayed by Edward Arnold. They were teamed in identical roles two years ago in "Eyes in the Night." Before he played Friday in that picture the dog was named Brave. He's the son of Flash, famed movie dog of ten years ago.

Richard Whorf will direct "The Hidden Eye" and Robert Sisk will produce.

Authentic Murals Show Bob's Ships

HOLLYWOOD — Lieutenant Commander Robert Montgomery's military career will be perpetuated on the walls of his home in a series of water colors being painted for him by actor-artist James Warren.

Montgomery has commissioned Warren to paint the various ships on which he served during his naval career. Warren is completing his first picture PT-boat No. 107, flagship of the mosquito boats Montgomery commanded in the canal zone and on which he saw most action. Other paintings will include cruisers and destroyers that figured in Montgomery's four-year military stint.

20 Years of Leadership

Twenty years of leadership—and still leading the procession.

That is the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer record as 1944 closes the books on the world's largest studio's twenty-year anniversary, an anniversary which finds M-G-M with thirty-four stars, more than a hundred featured players, scores of great story properties and a forward-looking program.

Taking note of Metro-Goldwyn-May're outstanding position, every exhibitor in the 17,000 theaters of the nation showed M-G-M product during last June, when the twenty-year anniversary was officially commemorated.

Highlighting the anniversary year were three productions which led a long list of hits. These "anniversary pictures" were "The White Cliffs of Dover," starring Irene Dunne; "Dragon Seed,' starring Katharine Hepburn and Walter Huston, and "An American Romance," starring Brian Donlevy.

These ran with the cavalcade of hits which began with "The Big Parade" when the merged Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer came into being, and which has since included such remembered productions as "Mrs. Miniver," "Gone With the Wind,' "The Great Ziegfeld," "Grand Hotel,' "Mutiny On the Bounty," "The Good Earth," "Goodbye Mr. Chips"—to list but a few.

The closing year found the studio in full production, looking ahead to an even greater year; indeed, with plans looking ahead for many years, with scores of promising players under development for stardom, a great roster of outstanding directors, the most famous writers, producers of proven ability and the pick of the world's greatest story properties.

Not twenty years OLD, but twenty years YOUNG!

That is the spirit of M-G-M as 1945 arrives, and leaps on toward the world's great future.

MARGARET GOING EAST

Upon completion of her starring role with Edward G. Robinson in "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," Margaret O'Brien, her aunt, Marissa, and her mother will leave for New York to spend New Year's Eve in the big city.

Irene Dunne Returns After New York Visit

HOLLYWOOD—Irene Dunne checks in from New York this week where she has been for the last month on a bond tour with her husband, Dr. Frances Grifin. Her next picture will be "Over 21" at Columbia, after which she will report to her home studio, for a still untitled picture.

HOLLYWOOD—Final release title or M-G-M's "Red Adams," starring Lionel Barrymore and Van Johnson with Marilyn Maxwell and Gloria De Haven, is "Between Two Women." Willis Golbeck directed this special production.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

"Three Is A Family" Will Arrive In Toledo

The current John Golden stage success, "Three Is A Family," now on a transcontinental tour, is announced for presentation at the Paramount, Thursday evening, January 11th, under the direction of Flora Ward Hineline.

Ever alert to the right cast, John Golden has peopled "Three Is A Family" with many players of name and reputation, featuring Una Merkel, Robert Burton and William Wadsworth and including Mary Ashley, Dorothea Jackson, Edwin Philips, Helen Stenborg, Alice Buchanan, Jack Woods, William Monsees, Elmer Brown, Eulabelle Moore, Emily Noble, John Morney and Virginia Vass.

Scoring uproariously on Broadway for 65 weeks, "Three Is A Family" details the tribulations of a family that has been comfortable in a small apartment until their daughter and her infant come to live with them upon her husband's entering the Army. It is all in the typical John Golden tradition of charm and humor that distinguished such previous stage successes as "Claudia," "Susan and God," "Skylark," "When Ladies Meet" and others of the hundred odd hits of this prominent producer.

The authors of "Three Is A Family" are a pair of young playwrights Phoebe and Henry Ephron, who are a married couple with a young lady of their own, which insures authenticity in the humanly amusing incidents concerned with the advent of a baby in the household. When their play opened in New York, Burton Rascoe, critic of the World Telegram, said that "It's so close to average experience the audience takes it to their bosoms with merry affection."

Box office sale of seats opens Thursday, January 4th at 10 a. m. in the Paramount lobby.

Heard On a Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — Rags Ragland had an embarrassing moment during his first scene in "Her Highness and the Bellboy."

The scene showed Ragland, as a porter, struck momentarily dumb when he discovers Hedy Lamarr to be a Princess. His only remark is an awed, "Royalty!"

"Royalty!" boomed Ragland, putting on his most awestruck expression. But it was blotted from view of the camera. Somewhere, from overhead, came a large, plaster ham suspended from a rope, completely covering Ragland's face.

"The least they could've done," said Rags, "would have been to use a real ham."

Here In Hilarious Stage Hit

Una Merkel

Long known as one of the funniest women on the screen, Una Merkel heads the original company of "Three Is A Family," John Golden stage hit which visits Toledo for a single performance Thursday evening, January 11th.

Daring New Mystery Concept Reaches Screen With "Laura"

The mystery story rates tops among the hardy perennials of the screen.

But few—if any—such films have dared wander as far from the straight and narrow of conventional mystery films as has 20th Century-Fox's "Laura," the story of a strange and perilous experiment in love—and murder—which stars Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb, and coming to the Paramount Theatre.

Advance reports from Hollywood have it that "Laura" boasts as fascinating a set of characters as has ever peopled a single film. The "name" part, Laura, gives Gene Tierney one of the most colorful roles she has ever played. Laura is a young and beautiful advertising woman who meets a fabulous man-about-town columnist-critic and, through sheer efficiency and charm, manages to intrigue him so thoroughly he becomes her mentor in cafe society.

Waldo Lydecker, the critic, is played by Clifton Webb. It is a sharp characterization, notable for its pungent lines, and comparable to the part in "The Man Who Came To Dinner," which brought Webb new stage fame.

Mark McPherson, the detective, played by Dana Andrews, is as startling a character as the famous Nick Charles of "Thin Man" fame, and much more romantically inclined. He is in sharp contrast to the charming, lady-beguiling weakling, Shelby Carpenter, played by Vincent Price. Judith Anderson as Ann Treadwell, Laura's self-indulging aunt, rounds out one of the outstanding casts of the year.

The taut psychological drama, set against the dazzling background of pre-Pearl Harbor cafe society, was produced and directed by Otto Preminger. Jay Dratler, Samuel Hoffenstein and Betty Reinhardt wrote the intriguing screen play based on the best-selling novel by Vera Caspary.

Ginny Simms To Star In "No Leave No Love"

HOLLYWOOD—Back from a 10-day hospital tour, Ginny Simms was named today to star in "No Leave No Love." The story, an original, is planned as one of the studio's biggest musicals of 1945. Hollywood and its Radio City will be the locale. Joe Pasternak will be the producer.

Ginny, who starred last in "Broadway Rhythm," sand an average of 100 songs a day during her 10-day tour. She spent three days at McClosky Hospital in Temple, Tex., giving an average of 26 shows a day. Among those she entertained were a great number who had left Paris only five days previously.

Hedy Lamarr has been busy testing the fabulous gowns and hairstyles she will wear in the new production, "Her Highness and the Bellboy." It will be the first time in her screen career that the star has not worn her shoulder-length, center - part bob.

Break Celebrates Anniversary Date

HOLLYWOOD — Seeing herself on the cover of a national magazine held a thrill for movie star, Judy Garland, because she got this break on the 10th anniversary of her film career.

Judy signed her acting contract in December of 1934—exactly ten years ago. Her first screen role was with Deanna Durbin in a short subject entitled "Every Sunday.' Today Judy stars in one of the country's top hits, "Meet Me in St. Louis," and just a few weeks ago she completed her first straight acting role in "The Clock," a love story without any singing—not even a hum!

Judy's next will be back in the melodic field—"The Harvey Girls."

575 M-G-M TUNES

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios have used 575 musial numbers in 156 motion pictures produced since 1929, according to a compilation just prepared by George Schneider, the studio's music librarian.

Dogs Rehearse To Learn K-9 Tricks

HOLLYWOOD — M-G-M is launching plans for filming war dog training sequences of "Hold High the Torch" in the same manner that elaborate musical numbers are prepared at the studio. Thirty-four large dogs of the types most frequently found in the Army will report this week for the start of extensive rehearsals. All aspects of canine training will be covered thoroughly before the scenes, featuring Lassie and Tom Drake are filmed. Fred Wilcox will direct, Robert Sisk is producing the Technicolor outdoor story.

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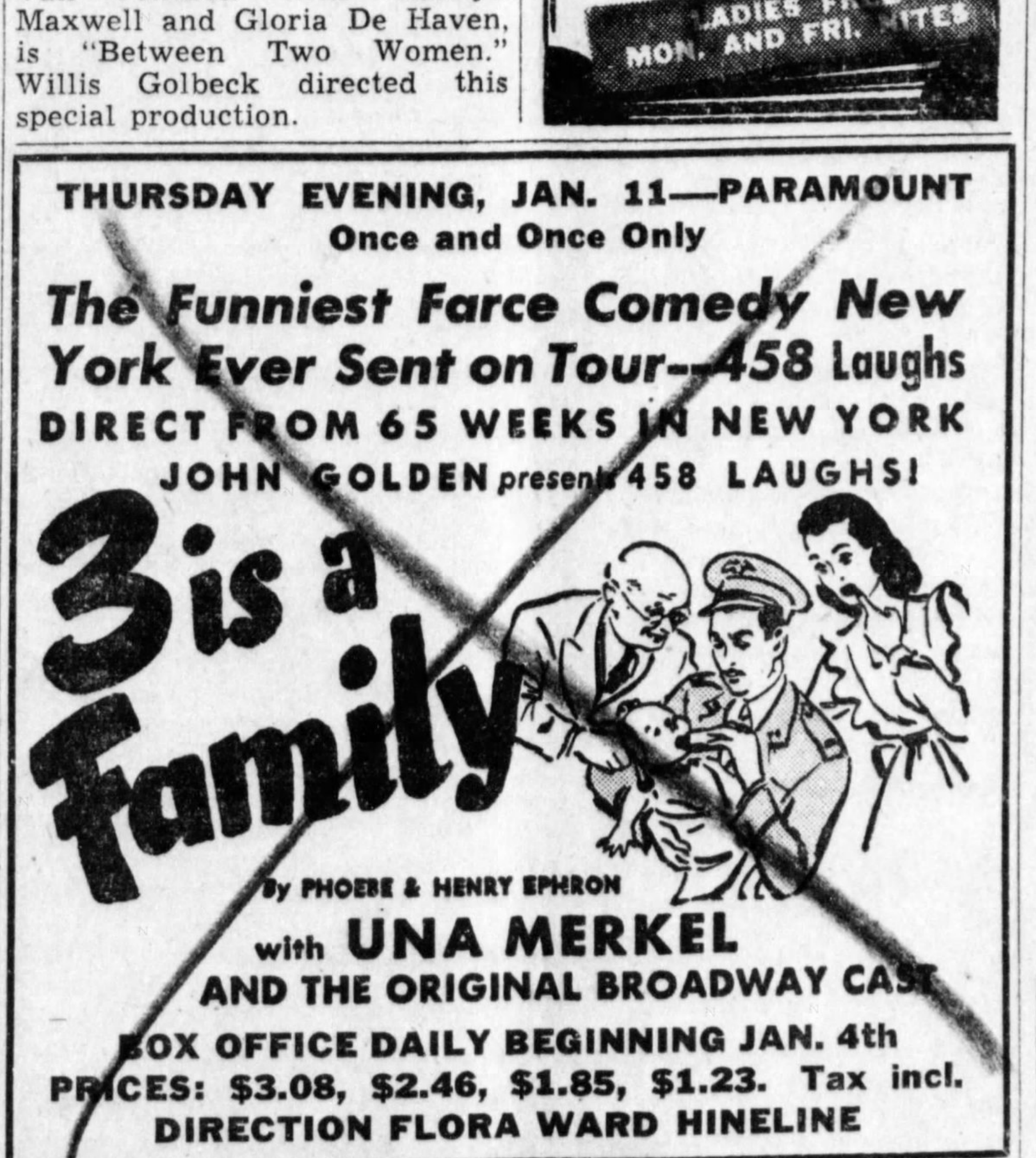

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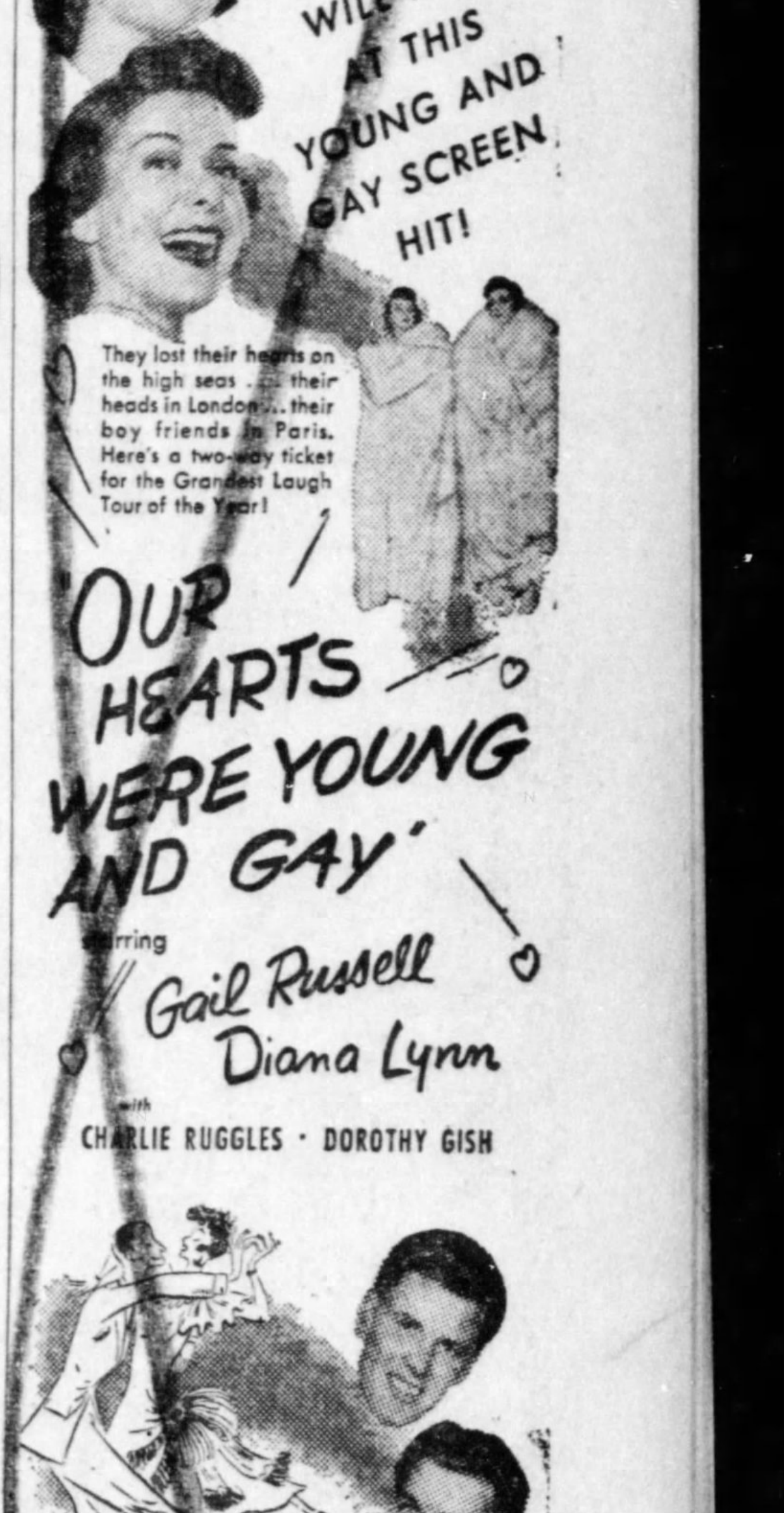

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Local 12 To Sponsor Regional Bowling Tournament

From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

We are now beginning a new year. The year of 1945 is being born amidst world strife, uneasiness, uncertainty, and sorrow. Almost everything seems to be in a state of doubt and emptiness. People are being slaughtered, families are being broken up and disintegrated, and whole communities are being annihilated.

"Birdie" Rule

Yet, with all this devastation and disaster staring at us, we must face the new year with a determination to try to overcome this dreary outlook. We must make every effort to do our part to end this war of wars and then, when we have attained the ultimate victory, proceed with light hearts and carefully laid plans for our future peace and happiness.

The sports world, too, is enveloped in a pall of gloom and the future of it is indefinite and dark. Already horse racing has been banned and the continuance of other sports is definitely not assured. Of course they will be played by amateurs, but the professional games will suffer greatly on account of travel restrictions and material shortages.

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Eddie Kurek, of the Klopping Unit, is an ardent ice fisherman and spends many hours at the popular sport on Lake Erie around Bowles Harbor and Erie, Michigan. Last year Eddie spent several long nights building a fishing shack to his satisfaction. He then hauled it out to the lake, cut a big round hole in the ice, and placed the shack over it. Some few days later he went to the lake and found that someone had stolen his nice new shack, but whoever it was, was kind enough to leave that big round hole in the ice, undisturbed.

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This is about another boy named Eddie and, in my estimation, he is one of the all-time greats of Scott Hi football teams. He is Eddie Evans and at present he is a member of the Packard Unit. I'll bet that Eddie could still show some of the present-day quarterbacks a trick or two.

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Now that the bowl games have been played and most of the scores are already forgotten, fingers are being pointed at prognosticators, like myself, who did not pick all of the winners. So now the fun of making the winner selections is over for another year, and if the war situation doesn't change, probably longer.

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Frieda Bruns walked out of the Packard plant Tuesday thinking of what she yould prepare for dinner that night when suddenly she was squeezed between two strong arms, hugged and kissed. When she regained her composure, she was more than overwhelmed to look up into the eyes of her son, Lieut. (j. g.) Earl J. Bruns, USNR, who had just returned from his fourth trip across the Atlantic.

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It is said in Washington that, outside of horse racing, the other major sports have a fairly good chance to continue for a while. I'm sure that most of us would be disheartened if we could see no chance for hours of relaxation and lung exercise at our favorite baseball park or football stadium. Despite travel restrictions, tennis, golf, archery, and many other games will be played again—if we have the equipment. Hunters will suffer because, according to reports, there will be fewer shells in 1945 than there were last year. So, we'll just have to take it—and pretend we like it.

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The Toledo Packard Bowlerettes will entertain the Detroit Packard Bowlerettes in an inter-city match at the Toledo Sports Center on Sunday, Jan. 14, in a six-team contest.

I think that is a good idea to induce friendly rivalry with clubs of other plants and even in nearby cities. It promotes good fellowship and gives us a certain amount of relaxation from our war worries. So start challenging and send your challenges to me and we will have some good, clean fun. With your help, the challenges will be accepted and the matches will be arranged.

Sophie Burns is president of the Toledo Packard Bowlerettes and Gloria Cantaline is leader of the Detroit Packard five.

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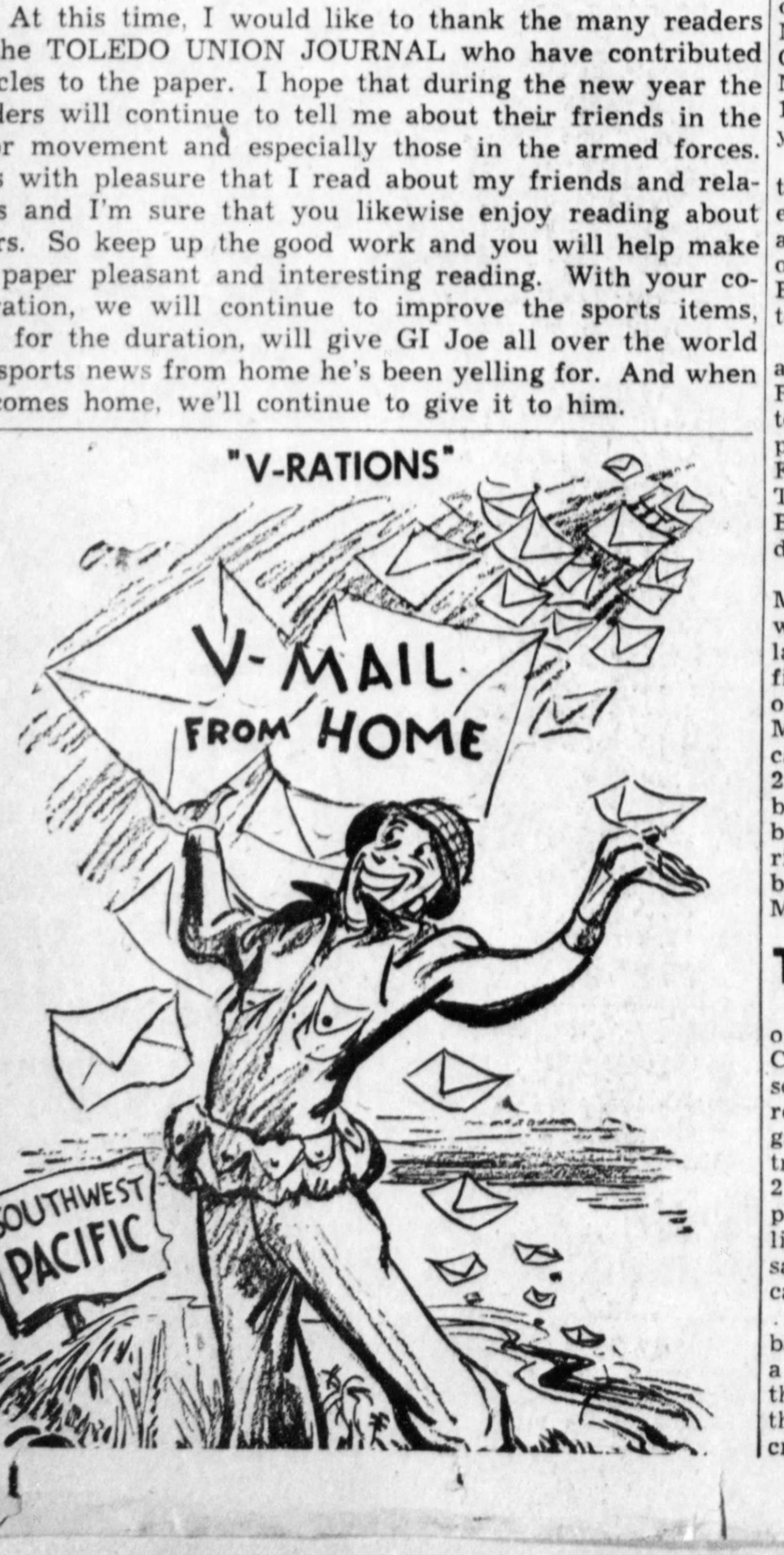
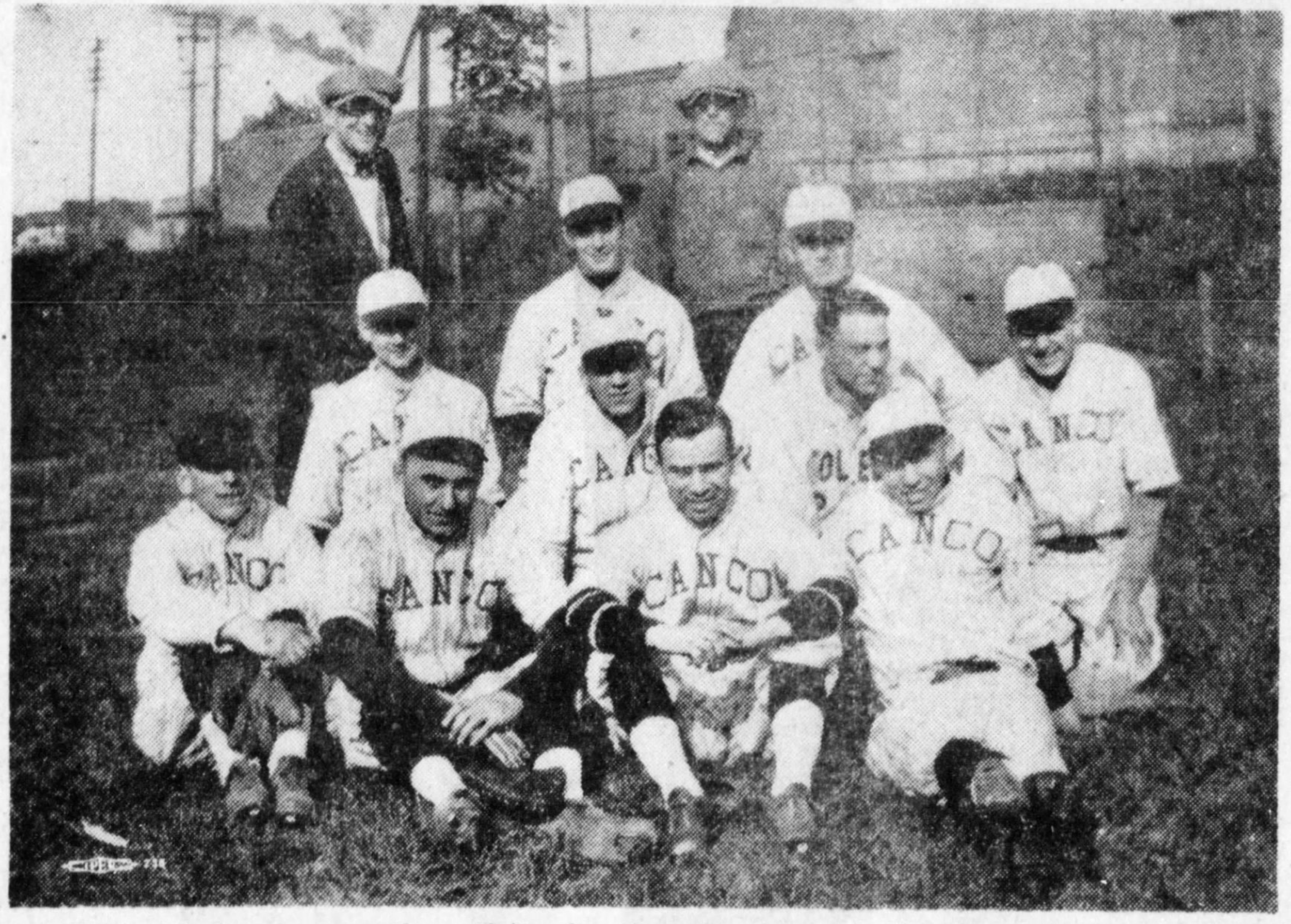
At this time, I would like to thank the many readers of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL who have contributed articles to the paper. I hope that during the new year the readers will continue to tell me about their friends in the labor movement and especially those in the armed forces. It is with pleasure that I read about my friends and relatives and I'm sure that you likewise enjoy reading about yours. So keep up the good work and you will help make the paper pleasant and interesting reading. With your cooperation, we will continue to improve the sports items, and, for the duration, will give GI Joe all over the world the sports news from home he's been yelling for. And when he comes home, we'll continue to give it to him.



Remember These Young Oldtimers?



Pictured above are members of the American Can team of a quarter century ago. At the time they played in the Saturday Industrial League, and although they did not claim to be champions, they played their best and gave the opposition plenty to think about. Shown left to right, front row: Frank Konczal, John Marok, Johnny Lehnert, and Frank Michalski; middle row: Asa Beam, Augie Ott, Clarence Freehart, and Clarence Westphal; back row: Mike Konczal, Harry Covey, and Bill Breede.

Joe Kardos of Acklin Leads Night Hawks

By Ed Mandy

Joe Kardos (608) of Acklin Stamping led the assault on DeVilbiss No. 1, taking them for two games. Ken Shepard's boys, however, piled in a big 910 game to salvage one game of the series. Frank Wekwert (596), together with Joe Kardos' big score were the chief factors in Acklin's high totals. F. Pieper (563) was high for DeVilbiss.

DeVilbiss No. 2 didn't show their usual stuff, but were able to take the league leading Jeep Exports down a notch, taking the second game by an eight-pin margin In the first and third games the Jeep boys were just too tough. Hank Bradshaw (576) was high for DeVilbiss with Frank Zeman (576) and Mel Aumiller (580) leading the Jeep team.

Willys-Overland, after dropping the first game to Willys-Overland Shippers, came back strong and copped the last two games by deceisive margins Ed. Czerniak 509 led the winners with Bob Roberts, 501, leading the Shippers' Five.

DeVilbiss Shades Mathers In Close Contests

Standard Commutator is still dominating the U.A.W. Local 12 National Leagnue. Cap Wekwert's, 602, led his Commutator teammates for a clean sweep over Gordon Bumper. Frank Molik is really anchoring the Gordon outfit with his scores. Note.—There is a book in Local 12 Library on "How to improve your bowling."

Bingham Stamping were on the beam Wednesday night every man shooting over 500 and of course good for 3 games over Toledo Pressed Steel. Vic Bieniek was the only man able to master over 500 for T. P. S.

Toledo Steel Products managed 2 out 3 over Ransom & Randolph but lost a little ground to Bingham's for that second position in League Standing. Fred Holden, 530, was high for Toledo Steel Products while E. Burgy, 558, led Ransom & Randolph.

Thrills galore in the DeVilbiss Mather Spring series, there wasn't a game decided until the last ball was thrown. In the first game Hank Laurich struck out in the last frame to best Mather's by 3 pin. But the latter came back to trim DeVilbiss by 2 pins. Harry Heldt boys not to be outdone capped the last game by 4 pin margin. Hank Laurich's, 544, was high for DeVilbiss. A. Kosnikowski, 500, sled Mather's outfit.

This and That

There are seven fish farms operated by the Division of Conservation and Natural Resources. . in the last year of record a total of 2244,159,505 game and forage fish were distributed in Ohio. . . of this total 211,000 000 were whitefish and pike-perch fry. . . one half million yearling bluegills, and the same number of black bullhead cats and largemouth black bass . . . one half million smallmouth bass were stocked, and five and a half million forage fish, and the balance was made up of the various catfishes, basses, crappies, etc.

Game Protectors Of Ohio Have Many Duties

Each Ohio county has a game protector, whose duties have been widely extended under wartime conditions. These game protectors, formerly called game wardens, because their duties were chiefly policing, not only perform the job of law enforcement, but also game and fish management work, public relations promotion and first aid work in the field, by virtue of special Red Cross training.

The fish and game management agents who have gone to war could not be replaced and the protectors have largely taken over their duties, such as building wildlife shelters, winter feeding, stream improvement, salvage, and dozens of other tasks.

Ohio Conservation Commissioner Don Waters points out that these men are always available to citizens who wish information about game laws, county conditions, how to help in local conservation activities, and in an emergency for first aid service.

The total number of state-owned, state-controlled and other lakes in Ohio, open to public fishing, is 489 in 81 counties, with a maximum surface area of 85,986 acres. Agreements for several more lakes are pending.

Canco Bowlerettes Beat Men's Team

In answer to a challenge by the top women's team to the low men's team of the Canco League, a special match game was played on the Pal-A-Drome alleys last Sunday, with the women's team emerging winner in two of the three games. The total score piled up by the bowlerettes was 1,802 against 1,752 pins for the hapless men's team.

Francis Machinski was high individual scorer with a 167 and a three game total of 371. Other scores for the women bowlers were: Dorphine Janis 391; Orpha Woodring 360; Neoma Nygard 354; and Ethel Miller 326.

The girls are thinking of challenging another men's team with a little better average. Careful girls!

For the men, John Iwanicki had the high individual score of 153 and also the highest total, 379. Other men's scores were: Herb Kasch 374; Clem Wachowiak 349; Jess Best 331; and another man John Powers 319.

Veterans Not Encouraged In Fur Farming

LANSING, Jan. 5—Returning veterans who want to engage in fur farming in Michigan are given scant encouragement by conservation department game men.

Many letters written by veterans inquire about regulations covering breeders' operations. Others ask advice. Information about regulations can be supplied easily enough; it is a less pleasant task to attempt to discourage a veteran who believes he can raise fur animals successfully.

The department points out that few fur farms are operated with profit, that risks are great, and that investments are likely to be heavier than anticipated. In fact, only the mink and the fox are recognized at the present time as reasonably safe commercial enterprises.

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Michigan Acquires Lands

LANSING, Jan. 5, 1945—One of the largest outdoor recreation land programs ever attempted by any state was inaugurated by the Michigan Department of Conservation early in 1944. At that time the state legislature auhorized the department to proceed with the acquisition of 100,000 acres of recreation land in southeastern Michigan and with the purchase of 43,000 acres embodying the heart of the famed Porcupine Mountains. It backed up its authorization with an appropriation of 3,000,000 to start purchase in the 100,000 acre tract and $1,000,000 to buy the porcupines.

"This program is by far the biggest job to be handled by the Department during the year—or for that matter, in the enire history of this organization," P. J. Hoffmaster, Conservation director, said in submitting his annual report. "Few states have ever proposed such a gigantic program to provide outdoor recreation for its people, and we well realize our responsibility in carrying it out."

"Park engineers and designers are already at work laying plans for the development of both areas so that work may begin just as soon as labor is again available."

"We are now proposing a 5-year program of parks development and improvement that will cost close to $16,000,000," he said. "This proposal calls for work in almost every state park in Michigan. If this is carried through, by 1950, Michigan will provide a goodly amount of diversified and excellent facilities for every type of outdoor recreation. I think we all realize how much our out of doors are going to mean after the war and how much they will be used. Our program should give a tremendous impetus to our tourist and resort industry as well as providing those things so necessary for our own people," Hoffmaster said.

A Living Memorial Project

There is a well defined movement, especially spirited in Ohio, to encourage establishment of forests, lakes, recreation areas, and the like, as living memorials to War Heroes of this war, rather than the cold metal and stone statues of former periods.

The Wayne County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, with headquarters in Wooster, seems to be among the first organizations to take up the matter in practical manner, by acquiring a tract of 121 acres in Chester Twp,. Wayne County. Seven thousand trees have already been purchased for reforestation of the area the coming Spring. This area will afford picnic areas for public use. It will be dedicated to the men and women in the armed forces, and will be known as the Izaak Walton Memorial Forest.

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A Regional Handicap Bowling Tournament, which will be open to all Region 2-B members of the CIO, will be held at the Bowl-O-Drome alleys on Feb. 24, 25 and March 3, 4, 1945. It will be the second annual tournament sponsored by UAW-CIO, Local 12.

Ed Mandy, of the Willys-Overland unit, is tournament manager, and is completing arrangements for the affair which will bring together some of the best talent in Ohio.

The tournament will consist of team events only, and it is planned to charge an entry fee of $7.50 per team plus $1.10 for each team member. There will be a return of 100% of the entry fees in prize money Out of town teams will be given preference for choosing schedule dates.

The Willys-Overland All Stars, with a total of 3,069 pins, won the championship of last year's tournament, and will be again entered to try to repeat the performance. The Spicer Maintenance team was the handicap winner and probably be in there again this year. The Willys-Overland also won the city championship last year.

Mandy has chosen the following members of the committee to assist him with the arrangements: Richard Lazette, Walter Madzrykowski, Fred Wight, Ted Gasiorowski, Bud Pacholski, Fred Bowell, Pete Johnson, P. O. Mills, Jim Czerniak, Floyd Madrzykowski, Mel Aumiller, Frank Malik, Randy Englehardt, Burny Zawodny, Norman Meyers and Birdie Rule.

Acording to Mandy's present estimates, there will be between $1,500 and $2,000 in prizes to be awarded.

Forest Fires Controlled In Michigan

Though the number of forest fires in Michigan this year was double those of the year before, the loss in the total number of acres was only 2,000 more than in the previous year.

There was not one major conflagration, which was responsible for the low acreage loss. The conservation department's forest fire fighting forces were thinned by wartime inroads on the available labor supply and fire crews would have been handicapped in fighting a fire of serious proportions.

The conservation department's 145 primary and secondary fire towers were operated as usual, women taking the places of men in several of the towers.

A Request Only Fighting Men Would Make

Another bomber crew based in Oklahoma, wants a skunk for a mascot, and the Michigan Conservation Department is rather stumped about the fact. The pilot of a B-17 bomber based at Ardmore, has sent his crew's request for the striped "kitty", but catching one in Michigan isn't easy, especially when the earth is covered with snow, because their numbers are apparently declining.

Some time ago, the conservation department sent one of the animals, with the unmistakable aroma, to another bomber crew at the same field, but someone with a sense of odor but no sense of humor freed the animal.

A Break We All Look For

LANSING, Jan. 5—So far, at least, it looks as though everyone has made money on a 40-acre parcel of land in Adams township, Arenac county.

An early-day lumberman made money when he logged the timber from it.

The state made $54,000 when it was leased to oilmen last September. It was a record bid for a 40-acre tract. The cutover land had been returned to the state for nonpayment of taxes in 1929; perhaps was worth $100 as land.

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